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1. Call to Order

The Fifteenth Meeting of the Central Committee was called to order on Wednesday, December 6th, at 9.45 a.m., Dr. David G. Moses, as a member of the Presidium, acting as Chairman.

2. Opening Devotions

Opening devotions were conducted by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's remarks

Dr. Moses said that he wished to make use of his brief occupancy of the Chair by making reference to the privilege which the Assembly had bestowed on members of the Committee by electing them to fulfil so important a responsibility. They might well feel overwhelmed as they considered the magnitude of the tasks which had been laid upon the Central Committee by the Assembly and it was only through the grace of God that they would be able to undertake what lay before them. He extended a hearty welcome to all members of the Committee.

4. Nominations Committee

Dr. Moses called upon the Rt. Rev. S. Falkner Allison to present the report of Nominations Committee A.

5. Mr. Parlin asked whether the order of business did not call first for the Roll Call and the recognition of substitute members. Dr. Visser 't Hooft replied that on this occasion the Roll Call would properly come after the report of Nominations Committee A, but that it was fitting that the announcement of the appointment of substitutes should be made at this point. He then read the list of authorized substitutions, which would be included in the list of attendances (Appendix I).

6. Report of Nominations Committee A

Bishop Allison said that the Committee had had a three-fold responsibility — (i) to recommend to the Central Committee possible names for appointment as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Central Committee; these officers would automatically become Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee;

(ii) to propose names for membership of the Executive Committee ; (iii) to make a recommendation regarding the appointment of the General Secretary.

(a) *Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Central Committee*

Bishop Allison said that the Committee had borne in mind the importance of the principle of rotation in relation to these appointments. It believed, however, that such steps as the integration of the WCC and IMC and the scale and character of the many responsibilities which the Assembly had laid upon Central Committee constituted a crucial point in the history of the Council. The Committee had come to the conclusion that the main consideration at this time was to secure continuity of leadership by men whose wisdom, experience and proved capacity for leadership commanded the most whole-hearted confidence. After very careful consideration, therefore the Committee

RECOMMENDED that Dr. Franklin Clark Fry and Dr. Ernest A. Payne be invited to serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Central Committee for a further period of years between the Third and Fourth Assemblies.

The motion was put to the vote and carried *nem. con.* Dr. Fry and Dr. Payne then took their places at the table and were greeted with acclamation. Dr. Fry said that both he and Dr. Payne were very conscious of the cogent reasons for having new leadership in a new period, but at the request of the Committee were willing to devote all the knowledge, wisdom and experience in their power to discharging the task now laid upon them. Dr. Payne said it had been a great privilege to endeavour to serve the World Council during the last six or seven years. He had had grave hesitations concerning the rightness of continuing in office, but had come to the conclusion that he should accept the judgement of the Committee. He would continue to serve the Council to the limit of his powers. Dr. Payne added that he had found it a joy and privilege to act as armour-bearer to the Chairman and he looked forward with pleasure to the continuance of this association.

(b) *Executive Committee*

Bishop Allison said the Committee had found the task of proposing names for election to the Executive Committee a difficult one. In view of integration the number of members had been increased from 12 to 14, plus the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Every effort had been made to secure a balanced representation in accordance with the Rules, and to ensure that the International Missionary Council was adequately represented. The Bishop then proposed the following names for appointment to the Executive Committee :

Dr. EUGENE CARSON BLAKE
Dr. KATHLEEN BLISS
Rev. Professor J. L. HROMADKA
Most Rev. Archbishop GUNNAR HULTGREN
Dr. C. G. BAETA
Bishop S. U. BARBIERI
Rev. Dr. ALFORD CARLETON
Rev. Dr. J. R. CHANDRAN
Dr. IVY CHOU
Most Rev. IAKOVOS, Metropolitan of Philadelphia
(after consultation with the Ecumenical Patriarch)
Bishop HANS LILJE
Mr. J. IRWIN MILLER
Most Rev. Archbishop NIKODIM
Most. Rev. FRANK WOODS, Archbishop of Melbourne

Dr. Fry asked whether those named would be willing to accept nomination.

The Archbishop of Melbourne said that he was doubtful whether he would be able to travel long distances from Australia twice a year, mainly owing to the cost involved.

Bishop Allison replied that the Committee had taken such factors as distance into consideration but had felt persuaded of the importance of including a representative from Australia. He hoped that the churches in Australia might be willing to give some financial help in order to enable the Archbishop to render this service. Dr. Fry pointed out that all would hesitate to rule out the possibility of Australian representation on the Executive Committee on the grounds of cost and in any case no one knew at this juncture in which part of the world the meetings were likely to be held. Archbishop Woods allowed his name to stand.

The motion was then put to the vote and was carried by a show of hands.

(c) *Appointment of a General Secretary*

Dr. Visser 't Hooft withdrew from the meeting, and Bishop Allison presented the following recommendation of the Nominations Committee :

RECOMMENDED that the Central Committee reappoint Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft as General Secretary, understanding that he intends to resign his appointment in 1965 on reaching the age of 65 years, the normal age of retirement for the staff of the World Council.

The Bishop said that Dr. Visser 't Hooft had made it quite clear that he wished to resign before the next Assembly but felt that a further period of four years' service would enable him to complete the work of the Third Assembly. If his successor were appointed in 1965 he would have two years in which to prepare himself for the next Assembly.

Dr. Fry asked whether the Committee wished to discuss the principle of renewing an appointment which might not continue up to the next Assembly. He asked if it were not true that when the time came for the appointment of a new General Secretary it would be better that the change should be made between Assemblies rather than at an Assembly. It was evident that this reflected the mind of the Committee and Dr. Fry then asked whether it was ready to vote on the question of principle. The question was put and carried *nem. con.* Dr. Visser 't Hooft returned to the meeting and was warmly greeted.

Dr. Visser 't Hooft said that he had regarded his service to the Council as a great privilege but the time had come when he felt he should begin to think of drawing it to a close. He had been with the Council since 1938. "It seems to me that 1965 would be a good date for me to leave and that as 65 is generally agreed as the age at which staff members should retire I would like to do so then. I doubt very much whether when the age of 65 comes round I shall still have the physical and other vigour which you need for this office. More important, I believe that if I should stay beyond 65 we might well find that I should have blocked the way for a successor who could serve for at least, say, a ten-year period. That doesn't mean that after that I would not be willing to do something for the World Council as odd-job man, teaching at the Institute, or something like that, but I do not think it ought to be as General Secretary after that age. If you are willing to reappoint me as General Secretary I should like to accept until the year 1965."

Dr. Fry, in putting the following motion to the Committee, expressed profound gratitude for the service which Dr. Visser 't Hooft had rendered to the Council during the years since its inception.

RECOMMENDED that Dr. Visser 't Hooft be reappointed as General Secretary of the Council for a further period of service from the date of the Third Assembly.

This was AGREED with acclamation.

Dr. Fry said it was difficult to think of the General Secretariat without the man who had adorned the office over the last years. "We are glad that we have the privilege of his continuing service between the Third and Fourth Assemblies. The question of a successor will come up for consideration in due course but in the meantime we are happy that you are elected for the further period specified."

Dr. Fry thanked Bishop Allison and the Nominations Committee A for its careful work.

7. Roll Call

At this point the General Secretary called the roll of those present. (See Appendix I).

8. Report of Nominations Committee II

On behalf of the Committee Dr. Brennecke drew attention to the report which was in the hands of members. He said that the Committee had done its best in the short time available. Nevertheless the task was not complete — and the Committee therefore requested the Central Committee to empower the Executive Committee at its meeting in March to complete the membership of the Committee and to make any other necessary adjustment so that the Committees could be fully attended at their important first meetings in August 1962.

"The Nominations Committee received proposals for the membership of most but not all the Committees. These had in many cases been discussed informally with the officers of the Committees of the Assembly and the departments. It analysed the proposals in accordance with the criteria of fair geographical and confessional representation of men and women, and discussed numerous proposed adjustment with the Heads of the Department.

The Nominations Committee is satisfied that a reasonable balance has been achieved in the membership of the Committees, and where there are places still to be filled indications have usually been given regarding the geographical and confessional considerations to be kept in mind in completing the lists for approval by the Executive in March.

The Nominations Committee reports that approximately 200 of the 250 or so places have been filled, and notes that only 25 women have been included — and that 6 committees as yet include no women, 6 committees include only one woman each, and 6 more only 2 women each in a normal membership of 15."

Dr. Brennecke then commented on detailed points in the Nomination Committee's work. Having completed the report of the Committee he moved the adoption of the Report with effect that the members of the Committee be appointed as indicated, and that the Central Committee authorize the Executive Committee at its meeting in March to complete the appointments and make necessary adjustments.

Dr. Fry indicated that the report was now open for discussion. Numerous suggestions for additions to and substitutions in the proposed lists were made. These were noted and referred to the Nominations Committee for examination and report to a later session.

Dr. Brennecke underlined the fact that limitation of numbers made it impossible to secure that every Committee could be as fully representative, confessionally and geographically, as some members desired. The Committee had endeavoured to secure in the overall membership the balanced representation called for in the Rules.

The Chairman asked Bishop Newbigin to speak to the question of nominations for the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism (Section 12 a of the report). Bishop Newbigin said that (i) these appointments were intended to cover the meeting

of the Commission due to take place on the following day. The next meeting of the Commission would be in 1964 and by that time the Central Committee would have made fresh nominations in accordance with the Constitution and Rules (ii) the Commission would be composed of 115 people, 80 of whom would be appointed as delegates by affiliated councils of the Commission. (iii) in view of the fact that it had been urgently necessary to make arrangements for the meeting, those who were not on the list for appointment by Central Committee had been asked to attend as advisers. This accounted for the fact that the Committee was asked to authorize only the appointment of the first 35 names on the list. The Commission would take action on membership of the Committee of the Division during its forthcoming meeting ; Central Committee could then deal with this matter during its present sessions.

It was pointed out that it would be necessary to deal with the appointment of the Finance Committee without waiting for the further report of the Nominations Committee, as this Committee would have to meet immediately after the present session. It was proposed that Dr. Martin Niemöller be appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee with Bishop Roy H. Short as a second Vice-Chairman to serve with Mr. G. Lombard. At the request of the Chairman Dr. Brennecke asked the members of his Committee present whether they would agree to this proposal : assent was indicated.

The Archbishop of Melbourne expressed some hesitation about allowing his name to stand but at a later stage of the meeting it was reported that he had agreed to do so.

The Chairman then put the motion :

that Section 16 of the report of Nominations Committee II dealing with the appointment of the Finance Committee be adopted ; that Dr. Martin Niemöller be appointed its Chairman and Bishop Roy G. Short serve as a second Vice-Chairman with Mr. G. Lombard.

This was seconded, put to the meeting and approved.

In reply to a point raised by the Rev. Kenneth Slack regarding the composition of the new Committee on Relations with National Councils (Section 17 of the Report), Dr. Goodall said that the Committee, which numbered only 15, was not to be concerned solely with "associated councils." He drew attention to the mandate of the Committee (Work Book p. 19) and said that the principle followed in the nomination of the Committee was to include members who could reflect the interests of councils of various kinds, including associated councils and those related in various ways to the CWME. The members were not to be regarded as direct representatives of National Councils.

Dr. Fry then put the following motion :

that the Nominations Committee II be asked to meet and consider the suggestions and comments put forward during the discussion, and to bring in a further report to a later session.

This was seconded and ADOPTED.

At a later session Dr. Brennecke presented a second report. He said that Central Committee had suggested 65 new names or changes of appointment. Some of the names proposed were included elsewhere in the nominations ; some had already been considered by the Nominations Committee : most were new names on which further consultation was needed before a final decision could be made. He reiterated his earlier remarks concerning the composition of the committee, and reminded the meeting that as the working committees were appointed afresh at each meeting of the Central Committee it was possible to make adjustments from year to year, though it was desirable to maintain as much continuity as possible throughout each inter-Assembly period. It was essential if a good attendance were to be secured at the

important first meetings of the working committees in the summer of 1962 to make definite appointments without delay. An additional reason for early action was that appointments had to be approved by the churches of which the nominees were members. Dr. Brennecke said that the Nominations Committee now made the following proposals :

(1) that in view of the urgency of the appointment of the chairmen of the working committees, Central Committee approve the nominations put forward in the first report of the Nominations Committee with the following exceptions :

- (i) that the appointment of the chairman of the Working Committee of the Division of Studies be remitted for action to the Executive Committee ;
- (ii) that Mr Charles Parlin be appointed chairman of the Working Committee of the Department of Information ;
- (iii) that the officers of the WCC be authorized to approve the appointment of the officers of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs when these had been elected by postal vote of the Commission.

This part of the proposal having been seconded the Chairman put it to the vote and it was ADOPTED ;

(2) that the Central Committee approve the nominations for membership of the following committees as proposed by Nominations Committee II :

- (i) Working Committee of the Division of Studies ;
- (ii) Faith and Order Working Committee (appointed by the Commission) ;
- (iii) Committee on Studies in Evangelism.

(3) that the Central Committee approve the nominations for membership of the Committee of the Division of Ecumenical Action with the addition of the name of Dr. Ivy Chou (Methodist, Sarawak) as the second representative of the Ecumenical Institute on the Divisional Committee.

(4) that the Central Committee approve the nominations for the Administrative Committee of the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service with the following minor modifications :

- (i) that one name be deleted ;
- (ii) that the officers be authorized to appoint one representative of German Hilfswerk, one Scandinavian and one Latin American (this to take the place of the present section (c) in the original proposal of Nominations Committee II for this Committee).

(5) that the Central Committee approve the nominations of the Commissioners for the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs as proposed by the Executive Committee of the Commission, with the addition of the name of Bishop Krummacher (Germany) and Dr. von Dietze.

Proposals (2) to (5) were seconded, put to the vote and ADOPTED.

Dr. Brennecke then put the following motion on behalf of his Committee :

that the Central Committee authorize the Executive Committee, after making a thorough review of geographical and confessional representation on the committees, to appoint the members of the committees and boards of Church and Society, Missionary Studies, Secretariat for Religious Liberty, Youth, Laity, Ecumenical Institute, Graduate School, Cooperation of Men and Women, Information, National Council Relationships, Ecumenical Review, and to complete the nominations for the Division of Studies, the Division of Ecumenical Action and the Finance Committee of the Central Committee, on the basis of (a) the recommendations received from Nominations Committee B ; (b) the

other proposals made to the Nominations Committee on behalf of the Departments, and (c) the suggestions made by members of the Central Committee.

A full discussion took place in which many members participated. Dr. Kathleen Bliss asked leave to present a motion and, leave having been granted, she moved :

that the Central Committee accept the proposals of Nominations Committee B with such amendments as have already been made, and remit to the Executive Committee the completion of the membership of the Committees in accordance with the Rule of Central Committee V, 2 (b).

The motion having been seconded, the Chairman put it to the vote and it was carried by a show of hands.

The Chairman then declared that the committees as proposed by Nominations Committee B were elected. (For amended list see Appendix II.)

9. Report on Staffing

Dr. Brennecke, whose committee had been asked to deal with a staffing question, presented an unanimous proposal that the Rev. Paul Verghese of the Syrian Orthodox Church in Malabar be appointed as Director of the Division of Ecumenical Action. Dr. Visser 't Hooft warmly supported the proposal and gave a brief outline of the career and qualifications of Mr. Verghese, referring especially to the leadership he had given in the Assembly Bible studies. Mr. Verghese could not give his assent to an invitation until the matter had been cleared with the Catholicos of the Syrian Orthodox Church. He had, however, expressed his willingness to allow his name to go forward.

Dr. Fry then put the following motion :

that an invitation be extended to the Rev. Paul Verghese of the Syrian Orthodox Church in Malabar to become an Associate General Secretary of the Council and Head of the Division of Ecumenical Action.

The Rev. E. E. Mahabane, Archbishop Nikodim and Dr. J. Coventry Smith spoke in support of the motion, which was then put to the vote and carried *nem. con.*

Dr. Visser 't Hooft reported that at the meeting of the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism now in session Bishop Lesslie Newbigin had been unanimously nominated as Director of the Division, for the period ending 30th June 1964. It was proposed and seconded :

that Bishop Lesslie Newbigin be appointed Associate General Secretary of the World Council of Churches and Director of the Division of World Mission and Evangelism for a period ending 30th June 1964.

This was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

It was AGREED :

that the appointment of Mr. Philippe Maury as Director of the Department of Information be confirmed.

It was AGREED :

that Dr. O. F. Nolde be re-appointed as an Associate General Secretary for a further period of five years.

10. Action concerning Resolutions of the Third Assembly

(a) *Commission of the Churches on International Affairs*

(1) Sir Kenneth Grubb said that following the action of the Assembly he had discussed with Dr. Nolde what steps should be taken in regard to the question of Angola. It had been decided to address a letter to the Foreign Minister of Portugal.

Sir Kenneth Grubb read the draft of the letter, and said that though the signatories of the letter (the Chairman and Director of CCIA) would be responsible for it they would welcome any comments of the Central Committee. Dr. Nolde said that the fact that such a communication was being addressed to the Foreign Minister of Portugal meant that the substance of the communication was not public property until receipt in Lisbon. "We have under consideration," he added, "an address to the East German Government following certain points in the Appeal to Governments, and perhaps also to the West German Government... This will be addressed only on the advice of our colleagues in East and West Germany." Dr. Nolde suggested that consideration should be given to the way in which the Assembly's Appeal to Governments should be handled.

Dr. Payne said that though the letter was a CCIA letter, it offered the good offices of the WCC. He would like to ask Sir Kenneth if the context of this phrase implied that the good offices of the World Council were being offered to secure the restoration of something like the *status quo*. He felt that what was needed was not merely an assurance of intention from the Portuguese Government but action which might really be effective in restoring confidence. Dr. Nolde pointed out that the letter called "for a policy of steady and speedy growth towards a representative and autonomous government in Angola by Angolans as the only path to peace and justice."

Dr. Fry said that it was not necessary for Central Committee to take action but to note that the letter was being prepared. He suggested that in the final draft note should be taken of the point made by Dr. Payne : Sir Kenneth said that this would be done.

(2) *Appeal to all peoples and governments*

After discussion of the question raised by Dr. Nolde it was proposed, seconded and AGREED :

- (i) that the *Appeal to all peoples and governments* be sent officially to all member churches in accordance with the resolution of the Assembly, with the recommendation that in every country the member churches, individually or jointly with other member churches, make the appeal known to government and people by whatever means seem to them most appropriate and effective.
- (ii) that copies of the Appeal be sent simultaneously to national councils with a view to facilitating joint action by the churches.

(b) *Secretariat for Service Abroad*

Bishop Newbigin drew attention to a series of amendments proposed by the Assembly Committee on the Division of World Mission and Evangelism to the "Proposal for a Secretariat for Service Abroad" which had been accepted by the Assembly on the recommendation of Policy Reference Committee. In reply to a question he outlined the functions of the proposed secretariat. (See Appendix VI of Central Committee Minutes, New Delhi, November 17th 1961). The Rev. Frank Engel asked whether the functions could be extended to include the exploration of the possibility of developing an ecumenical fellowship of prayer. Bishop Newbigin said this suggestion would be noted. He then proposed that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee. This motion was seconded and put to the meeting. It was AGREED :

that the Executive Committee be asked to act on behalf of the Central Committee in relation to the proposal for a Secretariat for Service Abroad.

(c) *Department of Information*

Mr. Philippe Maury drew attention to the re-definition of the Aims and Functions of the Department of Information as defined by the Assembly Committee on the Department. (See Appendix III) It was moved, seconded and AGREED :

that the re-definition of the Aims and Functions of the Department of Information be approved.

(d) *Discussion with the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association*

Arising out of the report of the Committee of the Division of Ecumenical Action, the following resolution was moved, seconded and carried :

In response to the request received from the Board of Managers of the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Assembly Committee on the Division of Ecumenical Action, the Central Committee *authorizes* the General Secretary and two members of the staff to discuss with the General Secretary and staff members of the WCCE/SSA the preparation of a "statement on the existing relationships, cooperative activities and possibly overlapping activities ;" on "similarities and differences" between the "purposes, structures and work" of the two bodies, and on possibilities for improving cooperation and relationships "without prejudice or commitment as to specific measures for the future," and to report the results at the next meeting of the Central Committee.

(e) *Criterion for membership of the World Council concerning size*

Dr. Visser 't Hooft drew attention to the following action as taken by the Assembly and asked for guidance from the Committee in regard to implementing the resolution :

"Criteria for Membership of the World Council

Having regard to the criteria mentioned in the Rules (I,3) and especially to paragraph (c) — 'The question of size must be taken into consideration,' and considering that the acceptance of many smaller churches as members of the Council would make the problem of fair allocation of places in the Assembly exceedingly difficult, but wishing to respond to the desire of small churches for fellowship with the other churches in the Council, particularly where this is vitally necessary to them in the fulfilment of their mission, *the Committee recommends that the Assembly instruct the Central Committee :*

- (i) to examine the problems involved in the admission of large numbers of very small churches and to report its finding to the Fourth Assembly ;
- (ii) to interpret the criterion concerning size in such a way that, as a rule, no church with an inclusive membership of less than ten thousand be admitted to membership during the period between the third and fourth Assemblies ;
- (iii) without prejudice to any action which may be taken by the Fourth Assembly, to set up a classification of 'associated churches,' which will include such churches as, according to the judgement of the Central Committee, fulfil all the criteria of membership except the criterion concerning size. It is understood that such churches will be kept informed about the activities of the Council, will receive staff visits and will be invited to participate in conferences and courses. They will not have voting representation in the Assembly or Central Committee, but will have first claim upon 'observer' places at the Assembly."

Considerable discussion followed. Several members, including Pastor Westphal, Sir Francis Ibiam and Archpriest Vitaly Borovoy, emphasized the fact that a church

that is small in numbers may be of great significance spiritually. "The first Christian community in Jerusalem," said Archpriest Borovoy, "was very small but it was a true Church representing the fulness of Christian truth. Further, no one knows the future; some small churches may become large and some large ones become small. Small and large together must be included in our quest for unity." Metropolitan Myron said that not only numbers but ecclesiological considerations were involved. Archbishop Woods said that care needed to be taken lest WCC policy in regard to membership should encourage "splinter groups" to seek to establish themselves by virtue of their recognition by the WCC. Dr. Fry said that there was a safeguard against this in the other criteria of membership required by the WCC. Other considerations arising from the adoption of a "classification of associated churches" were voiced in the Committee and Principal Marsh proposed that such considerations should be taken into account in any further definition of the classification and its operation. He suggested that this should be the responsibility of a small committee but that the Central Committee should now fulfil the instruction of the Assembly as set out in paras. (ii) and (iii) above, and leave the various points raised in discussion to be considered more fully as the Committee made arrangements for carrying out the instruction contained in para. (i). This would enable the General Secretary to begin to correspond with small churches applying for membership in the light of the new classification. Dr. Fry then asked whether the Committee was ready to vote, and it was unanimously AGREED :

- (a) that the Central Committee approve paragraphs (ii) and (iii) above.
- (b) that the Executive Committee be instructed to proceed with the examination of the problems referred to in paragraph (i) above and report to the next meeting of the Central Committee.

11. Future Meetings

Dr. Bilheimer presented the following time-table for meetings of World Council committees for 1962 and 1963, noting also the dates of meetings of world confessional organizations which might have some bearing on them :

- 1962 - Aug. 1 - 6 Divisional and Departmental committees
- Aug. 6 - 7 Executive Committee
- Aug. 7 - 17 Central Committee
- 1963 - July 15 - 30 Fourth World Conference on Faith and Order (probably in Montreal)
- (July 30 - Aug. 11 Assembly of the LWF, Helsinki)
- (Aug. 13 - 24 Anglican Congress, Toronto)
- Aug. 20 - 25 Departmental and Divisional Committees
- Aug. 25 - 26 Executive Committee
- Aug. 26 - Sept. 3 Central Committee

Negotiations were in progress for the holding of the summer meetings in 1962 in Paris. Pastor Westphal voiced a warm welcome on behalf of the French churches, and Mr. Philippe Maury reported on the present stage of the negotiations regarding accommodation etc. Sir Francis Ibiam said that he was not in favour of holding meetings in France.

The Chairman put the following motion which was put to the vote and APPROVED :

that the next meeting of Central Committee be held from August 7 - 17 1962 in Paris.

Dr. Bilheimer said there had been a suggestion that the meeting of Central Committee in 1963 be held in Canada. Dr. Ernest Long and Dr. Gallagher said that the Canadian Churches were ready to extend a warm invitation. In view of the

meeting of the Commission on Faith and Order in July 1963, probably in Montreal, and the Anglican Congress in Toronto in August there would be a considerable demand upon suitable accommodation, but it was thought that the needs of Central Committee could be met. Mr. Fuller extended an invitation to the Central Committee to meet at the conference-site of the American Baptist Church.

The Rev. Eric Baker raised the question of the possibility of omitting the meeting of Central Committee in the summer of 1963, and holding it in December/January 1963-64, leaving an interval between the next two meetings of 18 months. This suggestion met with support from a number of members. Dr. Fry asked whether there was a general preference for the proposal and asked for a show of hands — not as a decision but as an indication of the trend of opinion. The response showed that the majority favoured Dr. Baker's suggestion. Fuller discussion revealed a good many factors — including the relation of the work of Divisional Committees to the meeting of Central Committee and the likelihood that the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism would be holding its first full meeting in December-January 1963-64 — which needed consideration before a decision was taken, and it was RESOLVED :

that Central Committee empower the Executive Committee to make a decision about the time and place of the meetings next succeeding those in August 1962 after due consultation with the heads of Divisional and Departmental Committees.

12. Amendment to Rules of the WCC

Due notice having been given in accordance with Rule XV Dr. Kathleen Bliss put the following motion for a change in the Rules :

that Rule VII(2)(a) should read : “For the Division of Studies and the Division of Ecumenical Action, the Committee shall consist of *up to five persons* who are not members of any departmental working committee within the division, plus the chairman and one other member of each departmental working committee within the division. One of the two representatives of each departmental working committee must be a member of the Central Committee.”

(Note : The rule at present lays down that each of these committees shall consist “of *three persons* who are not members of any departmental working committee within the division, plus the chairman and one other member of each departmental working committee...” etc.

Dr. Blake, in seconding the motion called attention to the financial implications of this enlargement of the committees and said that it should not be assumed to imply an additional call upon the model budget. With this proviso in mind Dr. Fry put the motion to the meeting and it was ADOPTED by a show of hands, *nem. con.*

13. Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service

Dr. Cooke drew attention to the Assembly's action on the report of the Committee of the Division in regard to Scholarships, and it was proposed, seconded and AGREED that the Divisional Committee be authorized :

- (i) In close collaboration with the Division of World Mission and Evangelism to *review* further the emergency needs of the churches for scholarships, especially in Africa, and to take action to assist the churches by this means in training leaders, both lay and ministerial.
- (ii) to *develop* further the services of the Division to the churches, especially in helping them to formulate common procedures and standards and a common strategy in meeting new needs in this area.

14. Report of the Finance Committee

Dr. Niemöller presented the Report of the Finance Committee, which is reproduced below, and moved the adoption of the recommendations at the conclusion of the reading of each section.

I. General Budget 1962

1. “The Finance Committee examined a suggested detailed level of expenditure under the General Budget for 1962 totalling \$667,500 and covering estimated expenditure in respect of the programme and activities of staff already in the employ of the World Council. Under the programme authorized by the Assembly, there might be additional expenses insofar as the following authorized posts are filled in 1962 :

	Annual rate of expense
Second Secretaries for :	
Church and Society	\$12,000
Studies in Evangelism	12,000
Laity	12,000
Associate for the Executive Secretary in the New York Office	9,000
Second Assistant General Secretary in Geneva	14,000
	<u>\$59,000</u>

Expenditure at the above rate would certainly not be incurred for the whole of 1962.

2. Income for 1962 can safely be estimated at \$705,000 and will be higher to the extent that member churches which have not yet notified to Geneva a decision to do so, may be able in 1962 to make an increase in contribution, in accordance with the request of the Assembly, and that contributions may be received in 1962 from new member churches. Even ignoring additional income for these two reasons, the income estimate is \$37,500 higher than the suggested detailed level of expenditure and that margin may well be adequate to cover such expenses as may be incurred in 1962 in respect of the additional items listed in para. 1.

3. The Finance Committee examined recommendations from the former Central Committee concerning the 1962 budget and agreed to adopt them and to recommend to the Central Committee :

- (a) that the level of the General Budget for 1962 be provisionally established at \$705,000 ;
- (b) that authority be granted for operations to be conducted until the March Executive Committee meeting on the basis of the suggested level of expenditure of \$667,500 ;
- (c) that financial authority be granted for the filling of those new posts which have been authorized by the Assembly and which are not included in the suggested level of expenditure of \$667,500, subject to clearance in each instance with the Chairman of the Finance Committee to ensure that total expenditure may not exceed forecast income for 1962 ;
- (d) that the staff be directed to examine the suggested approved level of expenditure for 1962 in detail and to report to the March meeting of the Executive Committee ;
- (e) that power be granted to the Executive Committee to review and modify the approved level of expenditure at its March meeting in 1962, including, as an exceptional measure, power to increase the total if necessary for

the realisation of the approved programme and if income adequate to cover the increased level is reasonably assured ; and

- (f) that any expenditure for a second Secretary in the Department on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, which must be covered by special resources, shall be considered as additional to the levels fixed under the foregoing actions.”

In reply to a question from Bishop Ensley, Dr. Niemöller explained that although the suggested level of expenditure of \$667,500 plus the full annual rate expense of \$59,000 for the additional items listed in paragraph 1 would give a total of \$726,500 expenditure would not in 1962 be incurred at the full annual rate on all of the additional items and it was thought that expense could be limited to \$705,000 which was the presently assured income and the level suggested for the budget.

In reply to questions from Bishop Mathews and Dr. Baker, it was explained that the second Secretary in the Department on Studies on Evangelism mentioned in paragraph 1 was the Secretary who would work in the Division of World Mission and Evangelism with the portfolio for evangelism ; it was difficult to find the best form for the financial presentation of the somewhat complicated arrangements concerning this post which are set out in paragraph 50 of the Report on Programme and Finance.

The Central Committee AGREED :

to adopt recommendations (a) to (c) in paragraph 3.

The Chairman pointed out in connection with recommendation (e) that the Executive Committee has been considered as having power at its Spring meeting to authorise an expenditure level equal to or if necessary lower than the budget level authorised by the Central Committee but as having no power to authorise a higher level. Under present exceptional circumstances it had seemed to the Finance Committee that the most prudent and conservative action on this occasion would be to ask the Central Committee to authorise a budget level equal to fully assured income but to authorise the Executive Committee, as an exceptional measure, to raise that level if higher income is assured and higher expenditure is necessary for the realisation of the approved programme.

The Central Committee AGREED :

to adopt recommendations (d) to (f) in paragraph 3.

II. *Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service*

4. “The Finance Committee noted that the finances of the division had been reviewed by the former Central Committee and that no particular problems arise at this time. Action is needed on only one point and the Finance Committee agreed to recommend to the Central Committee :

that the Director of the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service be authorised to seek to raise funds for the Service Programme for 1962 at a level of \$1,200,000.”

Dr. Niemöller explained that the suggested 1962 level represents an increase of \$94,000 from the 1961 level of \$1,106,000.

The Central Committee AGREED :

to adopt the above recommendation.

III. *Headquarters Properties*

5. “The Finance Committee was informed that construction of the new headquarters buildings had been started in June 1961 but that the Executive Committee

had decided in that same month to defer a decision as to the commencement of work on one of the three wings of offices in view of the fact that funds sufficient to cover the total cost of the project had not been assured.

6. The Finance Committee was informed that the total cost of the whole operation, including the third wing of offices, is estimated at about \$2,750,000 to \$2,950,000. Gifts received or assured at the beginning of the Assembly were about \$2,330,000. Fresh assurances received during the Assembly seem likely to produce at least \$200,000 and in addition there would be revenue of about \$100,000 from interest. Thus about \$2,650,000 could now be regarded as reasonably assured and there were prospects of further gifts.

7. After reviewing the situation the Finance Committee agreed to recommend :

that authority be now granted for basic contracts to be let and construction work to be started on the third wing of office buildings, on the understanding that the position will be reviewed again at the Central Committee meeting in 1962, at which date it would still be possible to decide to postpone the full installation, equipment and furnishing of the third wing, if that should seem desirable in the light of the financial position at that time.

8. The Finance Committee noted that the International Committee for the Headquarters Properties Fund had been discharged with effect as at the end of the Third Assembly and agreed to recommend :

that the officers of the Finance Committee should be charged with the responsibility for taking any necessary action, in cooperation with national committees where they exist, for seeking to complete the raising of the Headquarters Properties Fund.

9. The Finance Committee further agreed to recommend :

that the Finance Sub-Committee should be charged with the responsibility for the general oversight and direction of the carrying through of the plans for the construction of the new headquarters properties.

10. The Finance Committee further agreed to recommend that the Central Committee should confirm the power granted by the Executive Committee for the authorisation of the letting of contracts in connection with the construction of the new headquarters properties in the following form :

that power be given to the General Secretariat to let, prior to the March meeting of the Executive Committee, contracts to a value not exceeding Fr. 3,000,000 (in addition to the contracts already let to a value of about Fr. 2,000,000), subject to prior clearance with the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

11. The Finance Committee further agreed to recommend :

that the Central Committee authorise the Executive Committee to grant at its March meeting in 1962 power for the letting of such further contracts as it may be necessary to let before the 1962 meeting of the Central Committee."

Dr. Niemöller pointed out that the recommendation in paragraph 7 was the most important recommendation and amplified the reasoning underlying it.

The Central Committee AGREED :

to adopt the recommendation in paragraph 7.

Dr. Niemöller explained that the remaining recommendations concerned procedures for continuing the fund raising campaign and the construction programme.

The Central Committee AGREED :

to adopt the recommendations in paragraphs 8-11.

IV. *Additional Office Accommodation at Route de Malagnou*

12. "The Finance Committee was advised that it is essential to provide additional office accommodation in Geneva early in 1962 and, recognising that this was an inescapable need, agreed to recommend :

that authority be granted for the expenditure of up to \$11,000 from the Special Reserve to finance the addition of a second floor to one of the existing wooden barracks.

The Finance Committee noted that the resources in the Special Reserve would be adequate to cover this expense and that the barracks would have a recoverable second-hand value when no longer needed following removal to the new headquarters properties."

Dr. Niemöller explained that the Finance Committee had faced the absolute need to provide accommodation for the staff and had decided that, even though it is to be regretted that this expense must be incurred for space which will be occupied for less than 2 years, the addition of a second floor to a barrack represented the best solution which could be found.

Dr. Fry explained the origin and nature of the Special Reserve.

In reply to a question from the Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. Visser 't Hooft explained that the New York and London offices of IMC would be continued by DWME and that the staff of that division in Geneva would be three or at most four Secretarial Staff members.

The Central Committee AGREED :

to adopt the recommendation in paragraph 12.

V. *1962 Budget of the US Conference for the WCC*

13. "The Finance Committee noted that, whereas it had been thought that the limit for the level of this budget might be fixed at \$85,000, or the same level as that authorised for the 1961 budget, an increase of \$9,000 would be necessary by reason of the decision to engage an associate to the Executive Secretary of the New York office and agreed to recommend :

that the Central Committee authorise a budget limit of \$94,000 for the 1962 budget for the US Conference for the WCC."

The Central Committee AGREED :

to adopt the above recommendation.

VI. *Auditors for 1961 Accounts*

14. "The Finance Committee agreed to recommend that the following firms be appointed to audit the 1961 accounts of the WCC :

Geneva : Société Fiduciaire Romande OFOR S. A.

New York : Requa, Burkhardt and Scheel."

The Central Committee AGREED :

to adopt the above recommendation.

VII. *Travel Expenses of Members of WCC Committees*

15. "The Finance Committee was reminded that, after careful study at the meetings following the Evanston Assembly, the former Central Committee had confirmed and advised all member churches of the basic principle that the travel expenses of members of the Central and Executive Committees and of divisional and departmental committees should be covered by the churches to which the members of those committees belong. The provision which it had been found possible to include within the General

Budget for assistance to the travel of members of those committees coming from distant countries or from smaller churches with limited financial resources was extremely small. The Finance Committee recognised that time would not permit an adequate re-examination of this question at the present meeting and agreed that the position should be drawn to the attention of the Central Committee and would need to be reviewed again at the time of the Central Committee meeting in 1962. The Finance Committee considered that it was likely that the basic principle mentioned above would need to be maintained but that even so the present arrangements and provisions might prove to be inadequate to ensure satisfactory representation, particularly of the younger churches, at committee meetings and re-examination would therefore be essential."

Dr. Niemöller explained that the above problem was presented for the information of the Central Committee but that no action appeared possible at the present time. Dr. Fry expressed the thanks of the Central Committee to Dr. Niemöller and the Finance Committee for their work.

15. Committee of the Division of World Mission and Evangelism

Dr. John Coventry Smith reported that the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism had nominated the members of its Divisional Committee (See Section 12B, Report of Nominations Committee B, Appendix III). These nominations together with those for the Department of Missionary Studies were accepted by the Committee. Dr. Smith also reported that the Committee on the Church and the Jewish People had been nominated by the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism.

16. Reflections on the Third Assembly

Professor W. S. Tindal said that one of the elements which we should preserve and strengthen was that of Bible Study and Worship. "As we have gathered from the four corners of the earth our corporate worship has been of the first importance. I hope that worship and Bible study will be most carefully guarded." He felt that the right way had not yet been found of presenting the preparatory literature so that it was both informative and inspiring. He was not sure that the annotated agenda was altogether successful. It asked too many questions. He felt that three discourses in one evening were too much. "It is scarcely possible for even professional listeners to lectures to take it all in." He also felt that more time should be left for participants to initiate contacts for themselves and that time should be given in which they might read the reports. It was impossible to make judgements upon them without having had sufficient leisure to read and digest them. "I felt that our hours were too completely filled and if more time were given our discussions would be improved in quality."

Professor H. Berkhof: "I think from a technical point of view this Assembly was almost perfect... People felt they could express themselves more easily than in former assemblies." He questioned whether we did not have "too high a measure of democracy." He thought it was dangerous to be entirely dependent on the floor as to when a proposal should be made to close a discussion. "I suggest we hire a person for the next assembly with psychological and chronological wisdom to bring discussions to a close."

The Rev. Kenneth Slack paid tribute to the arrangements made for press, television and broadcasting. "Because of the great interest that has been taken in this Assembly through the sale of 'Jesus Christ the Light of the World' and auxiliary literature I am troubled lest a great many legitimate expectations that have been built up in the member churches are not capable of being fulfilled in an Assembly like this. It has been thought of as a conference on a great theme from which would come pronouncements which the ordinary man could understand. How do we

prepare for future assemblies so that the churches recognize the Assembly as a body which legislates for the life of the World Council during the next period?" He expressed dissatisfaction at the arrangements which had been made for the seating of Fraternal Delegates and hoped that this would be remedied in future assemblies.

Dr. Martin Niemöller said that all who had participated at Amsterdam and Evanston would have been conscious at this Assembly of the growth of the ecumenical movement. At Amsterdam he had had the impression that churches were in the movement for what they could get. "As I look back at the present Assembly my impression is that there is an entirely different spirit and that the attitude of the churches now is 'What can we contribute to the whole ecumenical movement?'"

Dr. Eric Baker suggested that the Assembly would be more effective if it were reduced in length from 23 days to 18 or 19. He also felt that if such an excellent translation system were provided it would not be necessary to distribute the text of speeches beforehand. This was a practice which made it difficult for the speaker to get through to his hearers.

Professor H. d'Espine said that he wished it were possible to present the Assembly as a spiritual event, decisive for the life of the churches. "There are many parishes which during the course of this Assembly have joined in prayer for us and if we could look on this as a kind of Pentecost we could go back to them with a sense of something we have received from the Holy Spirit. The Message does not say enough about the spiritual achievement which has come out of this event. We say all the time that we need to reach the grass roots. Let us remember that the grass roots have been praying for us."

Bishop K. Støylen asked if it were not possible to have an Assembly which did not have to cover the whole work of all the departments and divisions of the Council. "The work is growing and growing and I feel that if we are to have the time for spiritual matters we should try to make arrangements for the departmental reports to be shorter." He added that to many who had not one of the three official languages it was a tremendous help to have copies of the papers before them. He also said that he felt it too much to have three addresses in one session.

Bishop Noth felt that at least the text of the addresses at the morning and evening services should not be distributed beforehand.

Professor Wilhelm Niesel agreed with those who felt that the papers should be distributed. It enabled everybody to follow thoroughly what was said. He also supported the suggestion that reports should be shortened. He thought the general theme of the Assembly was not sufficiently applied to the discussion in sections.

The Rev. Frank Engel said he had a feeling of frustration in the subsection in which he had shared. Discussion seemed purposeless and he thought that careful consideration should have been given to the way in which the sections were used. A document might have been prepared by three or four people to which members could speak right from the beginning.

Archbishop John of San Francisco said he had heard a comment that the Assembly was over-organized but he could not agree that this was so. The organization was excellent. "Our Christian liberty was well served and I would like to say that the Assembly in New Delhi was from the Christian point of view much warmer than that of Evanston. I think it was a great thing that it promoted such fraternal brotherly feelings and that there should be Christian forbearance amongst Christians going out into the world... This is an age which is very serious, perhaps eschatological, but as Christians we have been able to demonstrate the spirit of charity of our Lord Jesus Christ to all our brothers and in this we ask Christ to help us."

Bishop Alexis of Tallinn and Estonia said it was a first experience of the Russian Orthodox Church in such an assembly. "We received immediately the feeling of Christian fraternity, and the spirit of ecumenism which was reigning in this building. With great joy we introduced ourselves to the work of the Assembly. This good impression and this spirit of fraternity we shall take back to our country. We hope

we have made a good contribution with other members of the WCC to achieve our common aim. We would like to achieve this unity in Christ sincerely."

Metropolitan Justin said his attention had been particularly drawn to the positive aspects of this Assembly and he would like to say publicly that he was "very happy indeed with the rich result of our meeting." "Most outstanding for us has been the spirit of brotherliness which has dominated our Assembly, and as I go away from here I have this impression with me and I have no other desire than to take with me the same spirit of fraternity and to hope that it will continue and grow greater not only between the representatives of the churches, not only among the members of the Central Committee and the members of the Executive Committee, but rather between the members of our churches at the level of our parishes. May God bless us and help us to realize this unity which we desire."

Bishop Ga said he had been warned that there might be similar confusion here to that which had existed at the two previous assemblies. He had been surprised to find that this was not the case. "As I go back to the Philippines what will impress me is the spirit of fellowship and brotherliness between the delegates."

Bishop R. B. Manikam said he thought that the participation of the younger churches in the Assembly had been the highest so far. They had been given the privilege of participating as fully as possible. He thought the method of presenting reports might be improved. He suggested that the work of some of the Divisions and Committees might be reviewed at the Central Committee immediately before the Assembly, thus reducing the time given to them and enabling general themes to be discussed at greater length.

The Rev. Jean Kotto: "What I have felt is the great respect given to human dignity. Each individual has been respected not only in his own person but in that of his nation." "In spite of this," he said, "some of the younger churches have felt that some of their concerns have been left on one side. In the future we need to take good care that the main stress of events does not steam-roller over our concerns."

Mr. V. G. Montes underlined Dr. Tindal's point that it was hard to digest the amount of material given in the addresses. He suggested that an effort be made to reduce the amount of work attempted at the next Assembly and that more time be given for informal contact among the delegates.

17. Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Central Committee

Minutes of the fourteenth meeting of the Central Committee held in New Delhi on November 17th 1961, were circulated to members at the beginning of the meeting. As these were minutes of the old Central Committee they were approved subject to the freedom of any member of the present Committee to propose amendments should this be deemed necessary. No such amendments having been received the minutes stand approved.

18. Closing Actions

Dr. Fry said that the first meeting of a new Central Committee was always a difficult one because of the improvised nature of the business with which it had to deal. He had, however, found this a very happy occasion and believed the Committee could go forward in the work that had been entrusted to it with increasing respect and friendship between its members. He then led the meeting in a closing act of worship.

19. Adjournment

The fifteenth meeting of the Central Committee was adjourned at the close of the morning session on December 7th 1961.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I

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Rev. HARRY MORTON	

Appointments to Divisional and Departmental Committees

Note. — On the basis of the Report of the Nominations Committee of the Central Committee and in the light of the Discussion of the Report in the Central Committee the following appointments were made to the various Divisional, Departmental, and Commissions Committees.

These appointments were made subject to clearance with the authorities of the Churches of the appointees.

The Executive Committee was authorised to make appointments where there are vacancies in the membership of the Committees and to report to the Central Committee at its meeting in 1962.

1. Division of Studies (Rule VII, 2 a), p. 18) *. 12 or 13 places

a) *Chairman :*

No proposal yet

b) *Chairmen on departmental committees :*

Dr. ALFORD CARLETON, United Church of Christ, USA (Secretariat on Religious Liberty)

Dr. E. H. JOHNSON, Presbyterian Church in Canada (Missionary Studies)

Mr. M. M. THOMAS, Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, India (Church and Society)

The Rt. Rev. O. S. Tomkins, Bishop of Bristol, Church of England (Faith and Order)

The Rev. Prof. C. W. WILLIAMS, Methodist Church of Australasia (Studies in Evangelism)

c) 4 or 5 other places to be filled by other members of departmental committees.

d) 2 other persons not members of departmental committees to be proposed :

Dr. H. KRÜGER, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany), and Prof. B. IOANNIDIS, Church of Greece, or Mr. H. KIRKONEN, Orthodox Church of Finland, suggested.

2. Faith and Order Working Committee (Para. 5 (IV), p. 75). "Not more than 22 places"

a) *Chairman :*

The Rt. Rev. O. S. TOMKINS, Bishop of Bristol, Church of England

b) *Members :*

Archpriest VITALY BOROVY, Russian Orthodox Church

Principal J. R. CHANDRAN, Church of South India

The Most Rev. CHRYSOSTOMOS, Metropolitan of Myra, Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople

Prof. GEORGES FLOROVSKY, Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople

Prof. R. R. HARTFORD, Church of Ireland

Dr. G. K. A. JACOB, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)

Dr. J. R. NELSON, Methodist Church, USA

Prof. A. C. OUTLER, Methodist Church, USA

Dr. E. A. PAYNE, Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland

Dr. HAROLD ROBERTS, Methodist Church, UK

Prof. EDMUND SCHLINK, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)

Prof. J. E. SKOGLUND, American Baptist Convention, USA

Prof. K. E. SKYDSGAARD, Church of Denmark

Prof. T. M. TAYLOR, United Presbyterian Church in the USA

Prof. GUSTAV WINGREN, Church of Sweden

* Page numbers refer to the New Delhi *Work Book*.

- c) Noted that no woman is included
- d) 5 further places may be filled by the Commission

3. Church and Society (Rule VII 3, p. 19). Normally 15 places : 3 extra places asked for

a) *Chairman* :

Mr. M. M. THOMAS, Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, India

b) *Members* :

Mr. SHIRO ABE, United Church of Christ in Japan
 Dr. G. A. ADEMOLA, Church of the Province of West Africa
 Prof. J. C. BENNETT, United Church of Christ, USA
 The Rev. KANG WON YONG, Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea
 Prof. K. KIRKWOOD, Church of England
 Dr. H. C. LETTS, United Lutheran Church in America
 Prof. J. LOCHARD, Evangelical Lutheran Church of France
 Fr. MAKARY EL SOURIANY, Coptic Orthodox Church, Egypt
 Miss MARGARET MEAD, Protestant Episcopal Church, USA
 The Rt. Rev. MELITON, Metropolitan of Imros and Tenedos, Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople
 The Rt. Rev. J. B. MOSLEY, Protestant Episcopal Church, USA
 Bishop GOTTFRIED NOTH, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)
 Prof. EGBERT DE VRIES, Dutch Reformed Church, Netherlands
 Prof. H. D. WENDLAND, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)
 The Rt. Rev. E. R. WICKHAM, Bishop of Middleton, Church of England

- c) Recommended that when the list is completed at least one woman and one member from USSR should be included.
- d) 2 places to be filled.

3 A. Secretariat on Racial and Ethnic Relations (Organization para. *b*) and *c*), p. 95).
 7 places

The members of the Advisory Committee have to be nominated to the Central Committee by the Working Committee of the Department on Church and Society.

4. Studies in Evangelism (Rule VII 3, p. 19 and para 50, p. 40). Normally 15 places

a) *Chairman* :

The Rev. Prof. C. W. WILLIAMS, Methodist Church of Australasia

b) *Members* :

The Rev. J. P. ALTER, United Church of Northern India and Pakistan
 The Rev. E. E. CASTRO, Methodist Church, Uruguay
 The Rev. Dr. P. D. DEVANANDAN, Church of South India
 Pastor ALBERT GAILLARD, Reformed Church of France
 The Rev. J. HAMEL, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)
 The Very Rev. IGNATIUS HAZIM, Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch, Syria
 Prof. HANS HOEKENDIJK, Dutch Reformed Church, Netherlands
 Prof. MIKKO JUVA, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
 The Rev. JITSUO MORIKAWA, American Baptist Convention, USA
 The Rev. P. A. POTTER, Methodist Church, UK
 The Rev. (Miss) L. RUSSELL, United Presbyterian Church in the USA
 Prof. M. SIOTIS, Church of Greece
 The Rt. Rev. A. H. ZULU, Church of the Province of South Africa

- c) All places filled

5. Missionary Studies (Rule VII 3, p. 19, and para. 50, p. 40). Normally 15 places

a) *Chairman* :

Dr. E. H. JOHNSON, Presbyterian Church in Canada

b) *Members :*

Dr. JOHANNES BLAUW, Reformed Churches in the Netherlands
Miss JEAN FRASER, Church of Scotland
Prof. C. H. HWANG, Presbyterian Church in Formosa
Dr. J. H. JACKSON, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
Bishop H. J. A. MEYER, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)
The Rev. E. W. NIELSEN, Church of Denmark
Mr. S. C. GRAAF VAN RANDWIJCK, Dutch Reformed Church, Netherlands
Fr. E. STEPHANOU, Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church (Archdiocese of New York and All North America)
The Rev. J. V. TAYLOR, Church of England
Dr. CHARLES WEST, United Presbyterian Church, USA

c) 4 places to be filled

6. Secretariat for the study of Religious Liberty 10 places

a) *Chairman :*

Dr. ALFORD CARLETON, United Church of Christ, USA

b) *Members :*

Prof. HENDRIKUS BERKHOF, Dutch Reformed Church, Netherlands
Dr. C. E. CARLSON, American Baptist Convention, USA
Bishop ISTVAN CSETE, Reformed Christian Church of Yugoslavia
The Rev. CELESTINE FERNANDO, Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon (Ceylon)
Judge PATRICK JOSHUA, Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon (Pakistan)
Prof. ROGER MEHL, Reformed Church of Alsace and Lorraine
Dr. JOSÉ MIGUEZ-BONINO, Methodist Church, Argentina

c) 2 places to be filled

7. Division of Ecumenical Action. (Rule VII 2 a), p. 18). 11 places

a) *Chairman :*

Dr. KATHLEEN M. BLISS, Church of England

b) *Members :*

The Rev. ADEOLU ADEGBOLA, Church of the Province of West Africa
Dr. KLAUS VON BISMARCK, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)
Dr. IVY CHOU, Methodist Church, USA (Sarawak)
Prof. W. G. MUELDER, Methodist Church, USA (Institutes)
Dr. HANS THIMME, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)

c) 3 more places to be filled by other members of the departmental committees

d) 2 places to be filled by persons not members of departmental committees. Fräulein Bührig, Swiss Protestant Church Federation, suggested. 1 place free.

8. Youth Department (Rule VII 3, p. 19). Up to 15 places

a) *Chairman :*

The Rev. ADEOLU ADEGBOLA, Church of the Province of West Africa

b) *Members :*

Pfarrvikarin INGEBORG BECKER, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)
The Rev. L. D. BROWN, American Lutheran Church
The Rev. F. G. ENGEL, Presbyterian Church of Australia
Fr. H. P. JUVENALIY KIRILLOVICH, Russian Orthodox Church
The Rev. W. R. KILLINGER, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)
The Rev. J. S. LAWSON, Methodist Church, UK (Dahomey)
The Rev. SORITUA NABAHAN, Protestant Christian Batak Church, Indonesia
The Rev. M. OPOCENSKY, Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren
Mr. SANG JUNG PARK, Korean Holiness Church
Mr. BERNARD ROBINSON, Anglican Church of Canada
The Rev. J. S. WOOD, Methodist Church, USA

- c) 3 more places can be filled, of which 1 should be the Secretary of ULAJE, 1 a representative of the Board of Managers of WCESSA, and 1 a Coptic Orthodox from Egypt

9. Department on the Laity (Rule VII 3, p. 19 ; cp. also pp. 110-111). 18 places

a) *Chairman :*

Dr. KLAUS VON BISMARCK, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)

b) *Members :*

Madame DE BOUSQUET DE FLORIAN, Reformed Church of France
 Mr. ALEXIS BUEVSKY, Russian Orthodox Church
 Prof. A. B. COME, United Presbyterian Church in the USA
 Prof. C. A. COULSON, Methodist Church, UK
 President SOLOMON ELIAFOO, Lutheran Church of Northern Tanganyika
 The Rev. IAN FRASER, Church of Scotland
 Prof. V. T. ISTAVRIDIS, Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople
 Mrs ANNIE JIAGGE, Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana
 Miss E. M. LERRIGO, United Church of Christ, USA
 Mr. E. V. MATHEW, Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, India
 Dr. R. G. MAYFIELD, Methodist Church, USA
 Mr. D. N. PERRY, Presbyterian Church of New Zealand
 Mrs. B. RODHE, Church of Sweden
 Rev. W. SCHISLER, Methodist Church, Brazil
 Prof. MASAO TAKENAKA, United Church of Christ in Japan
 Dr. H. H. WALZ, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)
 Dr. CYNTHIA C. WEDEL, Protestant Episcopal Church, USA

- c) All places filled now by special request : note also total enlarged.

10. Board of the Ecumenical Institute (Rule VII 3, p. 19). 15 places

a) *Chairman :*

Prof. W. G. MUELDER, Methodist Church, USA

b) *Members :*

Miss E. M. BATTEN, Church of England
 The Rev. G. G. BEAZLEY, International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples), USA
 Prof. PIERRE BONNARD, Swiss Protestant Church Federation
 Dr. IVY CHOU, Methodist Church, USA (Sarawak)
 Mr. J. G. COBURN, United Church of Canada
 Prof. E. COSTA, Presbyterian Church of Brazil
 Pastor CARLO GAY, Waldensian Church, Italy
 Mr. H. M. DE LANGE, Arminian Church, Netherlands
 Pasteur EUGÈNE MALLO, Evangelical Church in the Cameroons
 Bishop NICHOLAS OF ARAD, Rumanian Orthodox Church
 Bishop BENGT SUNDKLER, Evangelical Church of Northwestern Tanganyika

- c) 3 places to be filled — 1 preferably by a German and 1 by an Asian, and 1 by a Greek Orthodox.

10 A. Board of the Graduate School 10 places

a) *Chairman :*

Prof. J. COURVOISIER, Swiss Protestant Church Federation

b) *Members :*

Prof. HAMILCAR ALIVISATOS, Church of Greece
 Archpriest VITALY BOROVY, Russian Orthodox Church
 Other suggestions awaited.

11. Co-operation of Men and Women (Rule VII 3, p. 19)

a) Chairman :

Dr. HANS THIMME, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)

b) Members :

Mrs. A. A. ASSAAD, Coptic Orthodox Church, Egypt

The Most Rev. L. J. BEECHER, Archbishop of East Africa, Church of the Province of East Africa

The Rev. H. G. COX, American Baptist Convention, USA

Miss MARIAN DERBY, Methodist Church, USA

Prof. ANDREAS PHYTRAKIS, Church of Greece

Miss F. H. GWILLIAM, Church of England

Dr. GEORGE JOHNSTON, United Church of Canada

Miss RENUKA MUKERJI, Church of South India

Frau LISELOTTE NOLD, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)

Dr. G. S. WINTER, Protestant Episcopal Church, USA

Mrs. M. G. WYLLIE, Methodist Church of Australasia

c) 3 places to be filled.

12 A. Commission on World Mission and Evangelism (para. 6 (v), p. 28)

Prof. B. ANAGNOSTOPOULOS, Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople

Dr. C. G. BAËTA, Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana

The Rev. W. O. BAHAMONDE, Methodist Church, Peru

The Rev. Dr. E. W. BAKER, Methodist Church, UK

Dr. KLAUS VON BISMARCK, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)

Bishop N. S. BOOTH, Methodist Church, USA

Mrs. PORTER BROWN, Methodist Church, USA

The Rev. E. E. CASTRO, Methodist Church, Uruguay

The Rev. H. G. COX, American Baptist Convention, USA

The Very Rev. F. W. DILLISTONE, Dean of Liverpool, Church of England

The Very Rev. Dr. A. A. FULTON, Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Dr. J. A. HAVEA, Methodist Church of Australasia

Sir FRANCIS IBIAM, Presbyterian Church of Nigeria

Dr. E. H. JOHNSON, Presbyterian Church in Canada

Dr. HELEN KIM, Methodist Church, Korea

Archimandrite JEROME KOTSONIS, Church of Greece

Präses Dr. L. KREYSSIG, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)

The Most Rev. A. C. MACINNES, Archbishop in Jerusalem, Church of England

Präsident REIMER MAGER, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)

The Rev. E. E. MAHABANE, Methodist Church of South Africa

Bishop J. K. MATHEWS, Methodist Church, USA

Bishop H. J. A. MEYER, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)

Prof. J. MIGUEZ-BONINO, Methodist Church, Argentina

Dr. D. G. S. M'TIMKULU, Methodist Church of South Africa

The Rev. E. W. NIELSEN, Church of Denmark

Prof. RODOLFO OBERMÜLLER, Evangelical German Synod of Rio de la Plata, Argentina

The Rev. D. M. PATON, Church of England

The Rt. Rev. CHANDU RAY, Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon (Pakistan)

The Rev. Dr. HAROLD ROBERTS, Methodist Church, UK

Dr. A. A. RODRIGUEZ, United Presbyterian Church in the USA

The Rev. JACQUES ROSSEL, Swiss Protestant Church Federation

The Most Rev. Archbishop SERGIUS OF PERM AND SOLIKAMSK, Russian Orthodox Church

The Rev. C. T. STRAND, Church of Norway

Bishop BENGT SUNDKLER, Evangelical Church of Northwestern Tanganyika

Dr. HANS THIMME, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)

The Rev. ALAN WALKER, Methodist Church of Australasia

Canon T. O. WEDEL, Protestant Episcopal Church, USA

The Rev. Prof. C. W. WILLIAMS, Methodist Church of Australasia

12 B. Division of World Mission and Evangelism (para. 4 (ii), p. 30)

a) *Chairman :*

The Rt. Rev. J. W. SADIQ, Bishop of Nagpur, Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon

b) *Members :*

Bishop ALEXANDER BUTHI, Transylvanian Reformed Church, Rumania
The Rev. E. E. CASTRO, Methodist Church, Uruguay
The Most Rev. F. D. COGGAN, Archbishop of York, Church of England
The Rev. W. A. CURTIS, Church of England
The Rev. H. G. DORMAN, United Presbyterian Church in the USA
Miss A. L. FRANSZ, Protestant Church in Indonesia
The Rev. HEINRICH HELLSTERN, Swiss Protestant Church Federation
Mr. KORULA JACOB, Church of South India
The Rev. G. C. KIEL, Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea
The Rev. Prof. VLADIMIR KOTLIAROV, Russian Orthodox Church
The Most Rev. A. C. MACINNES, Archbishop in Jerusalem, Church of England
Bishop H. J. A. MEYER, EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany)
The Rev. TAKESHI MUTO, United Church of Christ in Japan
Dr. O. G. MYKLEBUST, Church of Norway
The Most Rev. C. A. PARTHENIOS, Metropolitan of Carthage, Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria
Mr. S. C. GRAAF VAN RANDWIJCK, Dutch Reformed Church, Netherlands
The Rev. TITUS RASENDRAHASINA, Church of Christ in Madagascar (Former LMS Synod)
The Rev. FRANK SHORT, Congregational Union of England and Wales
Dr. E. L. SMITH, Methodist Church, USA
Dr. J. C. SMITH, United Presbyterian Church in the USA
Bishop BENGT SUNDKLER, Evangelical Church of Northwestern Tanganyika
The Rev. S. TUILOVONI, Methodist Church of Australasia (Fiji)
Canon T. O. WEDEL, Protestant Episcopal Church, USA
The Rt. Rev. A. H. ZULU, Church of the Province of South Africa

13. Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service (Rule VII 2 b), p. 19)

a) *Chairman :*

Dr. EUGENE C. BLAKE, United Presbyterian Church in the USA

b) *Members :*

The Rev. M. A. APPEL, Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Alsace and Lorraine
Pasteur P. E. BENIGNUS, Reformed Church of France
Mr. H. D. FARLEY, Protestant Episcopal Church, USA
The Rev. HEINRICH HELLSTERN, Swiss Protestant Church Federation
Pasteur JEAN KOTTO, Evangelical Church of Cameroun
Miss JANET LACEY, Church of England
Dr. E. E. LONG, United Church of Canada
The Most Rev. C. A. MACINNES, Archbishop in Jerusalem, Church of England
The Rt. Rev. PANTELEIMON, Bishop of Achaia, Church of Greece
Dr. V. A. SLY, International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples), USA
The Ven. C. H. W. DE SOYSA, Archdeacon of Colombo, Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon
Dr. BONNAVIE SVENSON, Church of Norway
Chairman of Church World Service (Dr. R. H. HELFFERICH), United Church of Christ, USA
Bishop ANDRZEJ WANTULA, Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession, Poland

c) 2 places to be filled, 1 by a representative of the German Hilfswerk, and 1 Latin American.

14. Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (Rule V, p. 149)

Members :

Prof. HAMILCAR ALIVISATOS, Church of Greece
Dr. ALICE ARNOLD, Swiss Protestant Church Federation (YWCA)
Prof. Baron F. M. VAN ASBECK, Dutch Reformed Church, Netherlands
The Rev. G. J. BACOPULOS, Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople
Dr. C. G. BAËTA, Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana
Prof. G. BAEZ CAMARGO, Methodist Church of Mexico
Mrs. BA MAUNG CHAIN, Burma Baptist Convention
Dr. M. SEARLE BATES, International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples),
USA

Prof. G. W. BROWN, United Church of Canada
The Rt. Hon R. A. BUTLER, Church of England
The Rt. Rev. M. CUBA'IN, Bishop in Jordan, Church of England
Dr. CONSTANTIN VON DIETZE, EKID (Evangelical Church in Germany)
Prof. J. DUMINY, Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa of the Cape Province
Dr. Eric FLETCHER, Church of England
Dr. FRANK GRAHAM, Presbyterian Church in the USA
Mr. A. H. GRASSI, Methodist Church, Uruguay
Sir KENNETH GRUBB, Church of England
Dr. POUL HARTLING, Church of Denmark
Mrs. DOUGLAS HORTON, United Church of Christ, USA
Mr. MICHAEL HOWARD, Church of England
Prof. J. L. HROMADKA, Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren
Mr. K. HUNLEDE, Evangelical Church of Togo
Sir FRANCIS IBIAM, Presbyterian Church of Nigeria
The Most Rev. Archbishop IOANN (Wendland), Russian Orthodox Church
Prof. WERNER KÄGI, Swiss Protestant Federation
Dr. HEINZ KLOPPENBURG, EKID (Evangelical Church in Germany)
Bishop F. W. KRUMMACHER, EKID (Evangelical Church in Germany)
Dr. J. LEIMENA, Reformed Church in Indonesia
Dr. P. M. LIMBERT, United Church of Christ, USA (YMCA)
Prof. O. MACHADO, Methodist Church of Brazil
Dr. CHARLES MALIK, Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch
Dr. C. P. MATHEW, Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, India
Prof. A. MALMSTRÖM, Church of Sweden
Dr. M. MATSUSHITA, Anglican Church in Japan
The Rt. Rev. LAKDASA DE MEL, Bishop of Kurunagala, Church of India,
Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon

The Hon. WALTER NASH, Church of the Province of New Zealand
Dr. O. F. NOLDE, United Lutheran Church in America
Dr. L. G. PAIK, Presbyterian Church of Korea
Mr. W. R. PARVIN, Presbyterian Church in the USA †
Dr. C. L. PATIJN, Dutch Reformed Church, Netherlands
Mrs. A. A. PEREZ, Methodist Church, USA (Philippines)
Mr. GIORGIO PEYROT, Waldensian Church, Italy
Mr. M. A. PHILIP, Reformed Church of France
Dr. N. M. PUSEY, Protestant Episcopal Church, USA
The Rev. E. ROGERS, Methodist Church, UK
Mr. HENRY SAMUEL, Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon
Prof. ULRICH SCHEUNER, EKID (Evangelical Church in Germany)
Dr. E. L. SMITH, Methodist Church, USA
Dr. K. W. THOMPSON, United Church of Christ, USA
Prof. A. J. TOYNBEE, Church of England
Dr. IVAN VARLAMOV, Russian Orthodox Church
The Rev. Dr. S. VLAD, Rumanian Orthodox Church
Mr. MAURICE WEBB, Society of Friends, South Africa
Mr. F. WHITLAM, Presbyterian Church of Australia †
Mr. E. WIKBORG, Church of Norway

15. Department of Information (Rule VII 3, p. 19)

a) *Chairman :*

Mr. CHARLES PARLIN, Methodist Church, USA

b) *Members :*

Mr. EMMANUEL ABRAHAM, Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus
(Lutheran)

Bishop S. U. BARBIERI, Methodist Church, Argentina

The Rev. TIMOTHY BEAUMONT, Church of England

Dr. TRUMAN B. DOUGLASS, United Church of Christ, USA

Mr. J. GATU, Presbyterian Church of East Africa

Dr. STUART HERMAN, United Lutheran Church in America

Dr. JAMES W. KENNEDY, Protestant Episcopal Church, USA

The Rt. Rev. LAKDASA DE MEL, Bishop of Kurunagala, Church of India,
Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon

Mr. M. S. OGAWA, United Church of Christ in Japan

Mr. ALEXANDER SHISHKIN, Russian Orthodox Church

Bishop FERDINAND SIGG, Methodist Church, USA (Switzerland)

Mr. J. E. WIKSTROM, Mission Covenant Church of Sweden

Präsident ADOLF WISCHMANN, EKID (Evangelical Church in Germany)

c) Places to be filled — 1 should be a woman (Miss de Vlieger, Dutch Reformed Church, Netherlands — suggested), 1 should be someone connected with Division of World Mission and Evangelism.

16. Finance Committee of Central Committee

a) *Chairman :*

Dr. MARTIN NIEMÖLLER, EKID (Evangelical Church in Germany)

b) *Vice-Chairmen :*

Mr. GEORGES LOMBARD, Swiss Protestant Church Federation (although not a member of Central Committee)

Bishop ROY H. SHORT, Methodist Church, USA

c) *Members :*

Dr. E. W. BAKER, Methodist Church, UK

Dr. N. J. BAUGHER, Church of the Brethren, USA

Dr. EUGENE CARSON BLAKE, United Presbyterian Church in the USA

Dr. FRANKLIN CLARK FRY, United Lutheran Church in America

The Most Rev. G. A. E. HULTGREN, Archbishop of Uppsala, Church of Sweden

Archimandrite JEROME KOTSONIS, Greek Orthodox Church

The Rt. Rev. ARTHUR LICHTENBERGER, Protestant Episcopal Church, USA

Mr. J. IRWIN MILLER, International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), USA

Mr. V. G. MONTES, United Church of Christ in the Philippines

Bishop R. H. MUELLER, Evangelical United Brethren, USA

Prof. A. T. NIKOLAINEN, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland

Dr. E. A. PAYNE, Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland

The Rt. Rev. DAVID SAY, Bishop of Rochester, Church of England

Dr. F. A. SCHIOTZ, American Lutheran Church, USA

Prof. W. S. TINDAL, Church of Scotland

Dr. E. H. TULLER, American Baptist Convention, USA

Rt. Rev. A. K. WARREN, Bishop of Christchurch, Church of the Province of New Zealand

Bishop W. WESTERGAARD-MADSEN, Church of Denmark

The Most Rev. FRANK WOODS, Archbishop of Melbourne, Church of England in Australia and Tasmania

d) To be added 1 from an Asian Church and 1 from a German Church.

17. Committee on Relations with National Councils (Rule VII 4, p. 19). 15 places

a) *Chairman :*

Bishop R. B. MANIKAM, Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India

b) *Members :*

Dr. GERHARD BRENNECKE, EKID (Evangelical Church in Germany)
Rev. N. F. COCKS, Congregational Union of Australia
Rev. H. G. DORMAN, United Presbyterian Church in the USA (Lebanon)
Miss A. L. FRANSZ, Protestant Church in Indonesia
Dr. HENRICK HAUGE, Church of Norway
Pfarrer HEINRICH HELLSTERN, Swiss Protestant Church Federation
Miss S. M. HOLSTEIJN, Dutch Reformed Church, Netherlands
The Rt. Rev. H. R. HUNT, Anglican Church of Canada
Fr. MAKARY EL SOURIAN, Coptic Orthodox Church, Egypt
Dr. FERENC KENEZ, Reformed Church of Hungary
Rev. TITUS RASENDRAHASINA, Church of Christ in Madagascar (former LMS Synod)
Dr. Roy G. ROSS, International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) USA
Rev. FRANK SHORT, Congregational Union of England and Wales
Dr. H. W. YODER, Methodist Church, USA

18. Board of the « Ecumenical Review » (15 places)

Nominations needed for March Executive Committee.

APPENDIX III

VII. Re-definition of aim and functions of the Department of Information

28. The Committee proposes the following definitions :

The *aim* of the Department shall be to make the policies of the WCC known and understood, to provide and disseminate news of its activities, and to inform the churches about each other's life.

The *functions* of the Department, under the supervision of the General Secretary, shall be :

(i) to issue general publicity material about the WCC and the ecumenical movement, and to supervise, or when invited prepare, departmental publicity ;

(ii) to represent the WCC in relation to the secular and religious press and broadcasting agencies ; and to issue all press releases in the name of the WCC and its division and departments ;

(iii) to provide such services as will help the churches to understand each other's life and the ecumenical movement as a whole ;

(iv) to assist the divisions and departments of the WCC to appreciate and meet the linguistic needs and desires of its varied audience ;

(v) to work out a general policy concerning the regular publications of the WCC ; to co-ordinate such publications ; and to give guidance to those who are responsible for their preparation and presentation ;

(vi) to co-operate with other agencies in the fields of the press, radio, television and film, and of the arts ; to help to ensure their intelligence use ; and to study the problems intrinsic to them.

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Minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Central Committee

Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, India
17th November 1961

1. Opening devotions

The opening devotions were conducted by Dr. Ernest A. Payne, Vice-Chairman.

2. In Memoriam

The Chairman paid tribute to the memory of Principal John Baillie, former President of the World Council of Churches, and of the Bishop of Guildford. He also recalled the passing of Pastor Muraközy of Hungary. He expressed the sympathy of the Committee to Pastor Niemöller and Mr. Charles Taft in their bereavement.

3. Roll Call

The General Secretary called the roll of those present (Appendix I).

4. Agenda

The General Secretary submitted, and the Committee accepted, the proposal of the Executive Committee for the Agenda.

5. Minutes of the 1960 Meeting of the Central Committee

The Minutes of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Central Committee, held in St. Andrews, Scotland, August 16-24, 1960, were approved as distributed.

6. Report of the General Secretary

(i) The General Secretary spoke about the meeting of the Orthodox Churches recently held at Rhodes, with special reference to its importance not only for the Orthodox Churches but for the whole ecumenical situation. The Rev. Francis House, the Rev. Raymond Maxwell and Dr. Nicos Nissiotis had been present as staff of the World Council as Observers. The General Secretary reported that he himself had received a personal account of the meetings from the Ecumenical Patriarch on whom he had called in the course of his journey to New Delhi. There was no doubt that a much stronger cohesion of the Orthodox Churches had resulted from this meeting, and the already strong position of the Ecumenical Patriarch had been reinforced. The World Council had every reason to rejoice in this fact because of the Ecumenical Patriarch's devotion to the ecumenical movement. The meeting, too, would be of very great influence in the Assembly at New Delhi.

(ii) *The Continuation Committee of the East Asia Christian Conference, Bangalore.* The General Secretary reported that he had been present at this meeting which was the first meeting at which organizational matters had not been a major preoccupation. The meeting had therefore been able to give attention to the work and significance of the Conference. It had dealt with many matters, including international affairs and various programmes of the Conference. An especially interesting discussion had taken place on the relationship

of world confessional bodies to the ecumenical movement and their influence in it. The General Secretary said that the report of the Continuation Committee on this subject merited a great deal of attention. One interesting aspect of the meeting had been the representation at it of the All Africa Church Conference and the recently formed Pacific Conference in the person of Dr. Donald M'Timkulu and Mr. Toma.

(iii) The General Secretary referred to the regular meetings of the Africa Working Party in Geneva, to which representatives both from New York and London were generally present and of which the Chairman was Mr. Henry Makulu. The Working Party was proving of very great importance in the consideration of the whole approach of the World Council of Churches to Africa.

(iv) *The Ecumenical Institute, Bossey.* The General Secretary suggested that a message of congratulation should be sent to the Graduate School which was now celebrating its tenth anniversary, and he suggested that a special message should be sent to the Director of Bossey and to the students.

(v) *Relationships with South Africa.* The General Secretary reported on the Cottesloe Conference and its aftermath. He paid tribute to the work of Dr. Bilheimer in preparing for the conference, during the conference, and in the follow-up work of visitation in South Africa. He drew attention to the publication of a brochure containing Dr. Bilheimer's own report together with the report of the Consultation itself. Dr. Visser 't Hooft commented upon events which had led to the withdrawal of three Dutch Reformed Churches from the World Council of Churches and on the possibilities of continuing contact with some of them.

(vi) *Relations with the Roman Catholic Church.* Dr. Visser 't Hooft said that no final decision had yet been reached about Observers from other Churches at the Ecumenical Council. He said that the Central Committee should take note of the fact that the discussion concerning the presence of observers from the Roman Catholic Church at the Third Assembly had been facilitated by the establishment of the Secretariat for Unity in the Vatican. He indicated that the Observers had been "chosen and authorized by the Secretariat for Unity." There would be five Observers in all, three from the West and two from India.

(vii) *Assembly Preparations.* The following points were noted :

- (a) The Assembly Booklet had had the largest circulation of any World Council of Churches publication. Between 600,000 and 700,000 copies had been distributed in more than thirty languages and many appreciative responses had been received from local congregations.
- (b) This meant that the Third Assembly would meet in the context of thought and prayer of Christian people all over the world.
- (c) Tribute was paid to the work of Dr. Bilheimer, Mr. Korula Jacob and Mr. Jens Thomsen in all the work in preparation for the Assembly.
- (d) *Attendance.* It was expected that a higher proportion of the maximum number of delegates would be present at New Delhi than at Amsterdam or Evanston. All had been done to help where difficulties had been encountered concerning the attendance of delegates. This was especially true of East Germany where representations had been made to the East German Government to secure the presence of the whole East German delegation. These, however, had not been entirely successful. There would be a large number of observers present. Sixteen of the applicants for membership had sent observers and 22 other churches who would not apply for membership would have observers present.

7. South Africa

Dr. Bilheimer spoke about his three weeks' visit to South Africa in August/September 1961. He indicated that since Cottesloe difficulties had increased for South African church leadership, and the total ecumenical situation called for everything possible to be done to encourage meetings of the whites, the Africans and the Coloured, especially for Bible study and prayer together.

Dr. Horton asked what was the effect of the Nobel Award to Chief Luthuli. Dr. Bilheimer replied that he thought this would not have any great effect in South Africa as a whole though no doubt it would be encouraging for the Liberal element in the population.

8. Angola

Bishop Barbieri enquired about World Council representations and action concerning Angola. Sir Kenneth Grubb recalled the two resolutions that had been passed on Angola, one by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs and one by the Executive Committee meeting in June. He also spoke of his own personal representations on this subject and of those of the CCIA. The Commission was continually watching the situation. Dr. Cooke reported on the situation of the Angola refugees in Congo and on the help sent to the Congo Protestant Relief Agency for relief and rehabilitation work. He also reported on the situation of Portuguese African students in Europe for whom the World Council through the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees had accepted responsibility.

9. Applications for Membership

The General Secretary reported concerning applications for membership which now numbered 23 (see Appendix II). He said that there were a number of churches of under 10,000 members who had applied for membership of the World Council, but that he asked them to defer their applications pending discussion concerning the criterion of size. A paper on this subject would be presented to the Policy Reference Committee. The largest number of new applicants was from Africa : churches in the Congo, Tanganyika, Uganda and the Gabon had applied for membership, together with two other churches in South Africa. Direct membership was also now sought by churches in Pakistan, Trinidad and the New Hebrides. Four Orthodox churches had applied for membership — in Russia, Rumania, Bulgaria and Poland. Dr. Visser 't Hooft rehearsed the steps by which the decision to apply for membership of the World Council on the part of the Russian Church and other Orthodox Churches had been reached and the actions taken to secure the presence of observers from these Churches at New Delhi pending the Assembly's decision concerning their applications. He also made reference to the application of the first Pentecostal Churches from Chile. He indicated that the Executive Committee had reached the decision not to recommend the application of one church. Late application had been received from the Congregational Christian Church in Samoa which had originated in the work of the London Missionary Society. Its communicant membership numbered 19,000 and the community gathered in the Church numbered 67,000. He was not asking the Central Committee to vote membership because Central Committee had only interim power and this application therefore would come directly to the Assembly.

Dr. Wagner asked whether there was any significance in the fact that the communicant membership of the Church in Russia was not listed, and also concerning the distinction between the two Pentecostal Churches. Dr. Visser 't Hooft explained that the reason why no figure was mentioned in regard to the Russian application was because no official figure existed. Various ways of estimating membership had been devised at different times but no one could be certain of the figures. With regard to the Pentecostal Churches, Mr. Tschuy was asked to answer this question and he replied that there was no difference in organization or doctrine, only in geographical location.

Bishop do Amaral enquired what was the relationship of the Church in Russia and the government of Russia. Dr. Visser 't Hooft replied that there were two ways of answering this question : (i) constitutionally there was complete separation of Church and State in Russia although there was in the Russian government a Department on Religious Affairs which existed to facilitate relationships between the Church and the Government ; (ii) the *de facto* answer would be that it was extremely difficult to deal with the question because it would seem that there were times when the Church had greater liberty and times when its liberty was greatly restricted.

Applications for membership were then put to the vote and Central Committee AGREED, *nem. con.*, to approve the applications for forwarding to the Assembly.

10. Burma Christian Council

Dr. Visser 't Hooft reported the application of the Burma Christian Council to be recognized as an Associated Council of the World Council of Churches. The Executive Committee recommended this. It was AGREED *nem. con.*, that this Council be recognized.

11. Assembly matters

- (i) This subject was introduced by Dr. Bilheimer.
- (a) He gave an account of the general arrangements.
- (b) He presented a statement on the *Amendability of Amendments* (Appendix III). Discussion took place upon the significance of this statement.

It was AGREED : that the statement on the *Amendability of Amendments* be accepted as a recommendation to the presiding Officer.

(ii) Procedures for the second day of the Assembly were reviewed (see Committee paper 5, Appendix IV). Discussion took place upon the proposed resolution, during which the following points were raised :

- (1) The possibility of consideration in committees other than the Business Committee of motions raised by delegates and not on the agenda.
- (2) Whether the resolution should be made more mandatory by the substitution of the word "shall" for the word "urge."

The resolution was AGREED.

(iii) Dr. Visser 't Hooft introduced proposals for the Nominations Committee. He reviewed the work done by the small preliminary committee which had consisted of Dr. Tindal, Dr. Harms, Mr. Parlin and Bishop Sadiq. He suggested that the Committee should consist of eleven persons, seven members being added to the four who already constituted the preliminary committee. The names proposed were :

Dr. C. G. BAETA
Metropolitan KONSTANTINIDIS OF MYRA
Rev. ISABELLA E. MERRY
Mr. V. G. MONTES
Rt. Rev. P. L. SIMOES
Rev. Dr. E. H. TULLER
Bishop A. WANTULA

(vi) *Credentials Committee*

The General Secretary stated that the Committee should consist of seven persons and he submitted the following names :

Rev. ARVID STENSTRÖM (convener)
Bishop J. A. DO AMARAL
Dr. NORMAN J. BAUGHER
Prof. BASIL IOANNIDIS
Rev. C. M. KARERI
Prof. A. T. NIKOLAINEN
Rev. KEIKICHI SHIRAI

(v) *The hearing on the Report of the Programme and Finance Committee*

Dr. Fry suggested that as this was a report of the Central Committee, members of Programme and Finance Committee should act as the members for the hearing. This was AGREED.

12. Migration

Dr. Cooke presented the report of the Migration Conference and spoke of the Conference and the actions which had been submitted by way of the Executive Committee to the Central Committee. He indicated that if these recommendations were passed by the Central Committee they would be referred to the Assembly Committee on Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees. The recommendation were AGREED (see Appendix V).

13. Report of Finance Sub-Committee

Dr. Blake presented the report and explained that, by reason of pressure of time, the Finance Sub-Committee had met prior to the Central Committee and was reporting direct to the Central Committee and it had not been possible to hold a meeting of the full Finance Committee. The report is reproduced below, with a record of discussion and action by the Central Committee following each section of the report. After reading each section, Dr. Blake moved the adoption of any recommendations made by the Finance Sub-Committee.

I. Financial Report for 1960

1. "The Financial Report for 1960 has been circulated as a printed document. A brief commentary on the final figures is printed on page 3 of that report. The final accounts show a surplus of \$23,277,88 on the General Budget which has been added to the Special Reserve, in accordance with the decision of the Central Committee meeting at St. Andrews in August 1960.

2. Those parts of the Financial Report for 1960 which deal with the activities of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees have been examined by the Administrative Committee of the Division. The accounts for the Service Programme operations for 1960 show a surplus of \$23,273 which has been added to the Unappropriated Balance on the Service Programme. The accounts for the Service to Refugees were closed with neither surplus nor deficit because the allocation from the Service Programme Budget was limited to \$525,228.57, or the amount needed to balance the accounts, as compared with the provision in the budget of \$540,000. The Administrative Committee agreed to recommend that the report of the auditors be received and the audited accounts for the year ended at December 31, 1960 be accepted, insofar as they relate to the operations of the Division.

3. On the basis of a recommendation from a sub-committee which had examined the accounts and the original signed auditors' report, the Finance Sub-Committee agreed to recommend :

that the report of the auditors be received and the audited accounts of the World Council of Churches for the year ended at December 31, 1960 be accepted."

It was AGREED : to adopt the recommendation in paragraph 3.

II. General Budget - 1961

4. "The Central Committee in 1960 established the level of the budget for 1961 at \$562,500. At its meeting in June 1961, the Executive Committee found that revenue for 1961 will be not less than \$572,500 and that expenditure at about that level would be needed for the maintenance of the programme. The Executive Committee therefore agreed :

- (a) to recommend to the Central Committee meeting at New Delhi that the budget level for 1961 be raised to \$572,500 ; and
- (b) to authorize the staff to keep the accounts and to prepare monthly statements in the period prior to the New Delhi meeting of the Central Committee on the basis of a level of expenditure totalling \$572,500.

5. A review of prospects as at this date indicates that the following income may safely be foreseen for 1961 :

Member Church contributions	\$530,100
Interest on investments	11,000
DICASR : For Div. Staff	10,690
For Information Dept.	22,710
	<u>\$574,500</u>

The final figures are likely to show income slightly higher rather than lower than the above estimates.

6. The statement of actual expenditure in the first 9 months of the year shows that total expenditure is about \$25,000 below the appropriate proportion of an annual level of expenditure of \$572,500. There will be somewhat greater divergencies between actual expenditure and the approved level for some budget items than has been the case in recent years, by reason both of the unusual pattern of expenditure in an Assembly year and of the higher number of staff changes this year. Total expenditure for the year is, however, expected to run very near to the approved level and not to exceed it.

7. Thus, there is every reason to expect that the accounts on the General Budget for 1961 based on a total of \$572,500 will close without deficit. The Finance Sub-Committee, therefore, considers that a review of the position supports the acceptance of the recommendation of the Executive Committee :

that the level of the General Budget for 1961, which was established at \$562,500 by the meeting in August 1960, be raised to \$572,500.

8. There are several special items which in 1961 are being financed outside the General Budget, namely :

(a) from the Special Reserve :

- (i) expenditure for special assistants in the Department on the Laity and in the Department on the Co-operation of Men and Women in Church and Society, insofar as special resources are inadequate to cover that expenditure (authorised by Central Committee, 1960) ;
- (ii) expenditure, in excess of special resources available for those expenses, on the Religious Liberty Secretariat and/or the Secretariat for Racial and Ethnic Relations (authorised Executive Committee, February 1961) ; and
- (iii) expenditure up to \$4,800 for travel subsidies to the Third Assembly (authorised Executive Committee, June, 1961).

(b) from General Reserve of Ecumenical Institute :

the salary expense of the fourth professor at Bossey (authorised by Central Committee, 1959).

The balances on the two reserves will be more than adequate to cover such charges as will arise under the above authorisations. The Finance Sub-Committee recommends :

that the authorisations indicated under (a) ii and iii above be confirmed."

It was AGREED : to adopt the recommendations in paragraphs 7 and 8.

III. General Budget - 1962

9. "The Executive Committee in June 1961 directed the staff to prepare for examination in New Delhi a sound estimate of probable expenses in 1962, taking account of maximum possible economies. The authorisation of the General Budget for 1962 will be a matter for action by the new Central Committee but an examination of the position and a recommendation from the present Central Committee meeting would be valuable.

10. An encouraging report can be made on probable income. It was estimated in the report on Programme and Finance that an increase of about 47% to a total of \$727,200 in member church contributions would be needed to finance the General Budget operations after the Third Assembly. On the basis of reports already received from member churches, it can be forecast that income in 1962 from member church contributions will, if an increase of about 47% is requested by the Assembly, rise to about \$695,000. That estimate will be exceeded to the extent that :

- (a) member churches which have not yet notified action to Geneva may find it possible to increase their contributions in 1962 ; and
- (b) new member churches may be admitted at New Delhi and may make a contribution in 1962.

11. If estimated income from interest on investments of \$10,000 is added, the revenue forecast is raised to \$705,000. The model budget in the Programme and Finance report includes income of \$14,000 from special contributions to the Department on the Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society to cover expenditure of the same amount ; since expenditure will be limited to available special resources, this item will not affect the balancing of the budget. Thus the forecast of income of \$705,000 should be compared with a figure of \$737,200 from the Programme and Finance report.

12. The Finance Sub-Committee examined a suggested detailed level of expenditure for 1962 totalling \$667,500. That table covers estimated expenditure in 1962 in realising the programme suggested in the report on Programme and Finance, assuming that report is adopted by the Assembly, but *only* in respect of staff already in the employ of the World Council. The total of \$667,500 must be compared with the model budget in the Programme and Finance report totalling \$751,200. The items in the Programme and Finance report which are not covered in the table may be grouped as follows :

(a) Items on which expense is not expected in 1962 :

Increased Library budget	\$14,000
New Developments	15,000
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	29,000

(b) Items on which a full year's expense will not, in any case, be incurred in 1962 :	
Second Secretaries for :	
Church and Society	\$12,000
Studies in Evangelism.	12,000
Laity	12,000
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	36,000
(c) Items dependent on special resources :	
Second Secretary for the Department on the Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society.	
	\$12,000
(d) The Programme and Finance report model budget included an item for —	
Contingencies of	\$25,000
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	\$102,000

The addition of the above items for a full year's operations to the suggested level of expenditure for 1962 would raise the total to \$769,500 or \$18,300 above the model budget in the Programme and Finance report, or alternatively would involve a reduction in the Contingencies item in that model budget from \$25,000 to \$6,700.

13. Thus, income is forecast at not less than \$705,000 and expenditure at \$667,500 plus any expenses incurred on the items in paragraphs 12 (b) and (d) — expenses which appear unlikely to exceed the difference of \$37,500 in 1962.

14. The pressure of work in preparation for the Assembly has rendered impossible staff consultation on the details of the suggested 1962 level of expenditure. The Finance Sub-Committee agreed to recommend the following action by the Central Committee :

the Central Committee make the following recommendations to the new Central Committee, on the basis of its report to the Assembly on Programme and Finance and its best understanding and projection of the probable 1962 income and programme probabilities but acting, of course, prior to the Assembly :

- (a) that the level of the General Budget for 1962 be provisionally established at \$705,000 ;
- (b) that authority be granted for operations to be conducted until the Spring Executive Committee meeting on the basis of the suggested level of expenditure of \$667,500 ;
- (c) that financial authority be granted for the filling of any new posts which may be authorised by the Assembly, which are not included in the suggested level of expenditure of \$667,500 and which can be covered from forecast income for 1962 ;
- (d) that the staff be directed to examine the suggested approved level of expenditure for 1962 in detail and to report to the Spring meeting of the Executive Committee ;
- (e) that power be granted to the Executive Committee to review and modify the approved level of expenditure at its Spring meeting in 1962, including, as an exceptional measure, power to increase the total if necessary for the realisation of the approved programme and if income adequate to cover the increased level is reasonably assured ; and
- (f) that any expenditure for a second Secretary in the Department on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, which must be covered by special resources, shall be considered as additional to the levels fixed under the foregoing actions.

15. A further increase in member church income in 1963 is already assured and will be at least \$15,000, raising the total to \$710,000 or \$17,200 below the level suggested in the report on Programme and Finance. Before the Central Committee meeting in the summer of 1962 it is probable that a higher level will be fully assured. It thus seems that if the Assembly requests an increase of about 47% in contributions and the member churches respond, it is reasonably probable that income in 1963 may be adequate to cover most of the needs in 1963 of the programme suggested in the report on Programme and Finance. Resources may, however, not be available for the following items in the model budget in the report on Programme and Finance : the increased expenses of the operation of the new Headquarters Properties ; New Developments ; Contingencies ; and perhaps the strengthening of the Library staff."

Dr. Blake added that the suggested level of expenditure for 1962 included provision for the increased cost of a new salary scale for Secretarial Staff; the new salary scale was designed to cover the full compensation of all staff members and to make possible the engagement of an international staff with the needed qualifications. Provision had also been made for a modest increase in Office Staff salaries. He warned the Central Committee that the adequacy of the budget might be endangered by continuing increases in costs. Furthermore, there might be pressure at the Assembly for expansions of programme and additions to the budgets for particular programmes.

Dr. Buckner stated that he had been impressed over the years by the skill and ability with which Dr. Blake and the Finance Committee and also the World Council staff had handled the complex financial problems of the World Council. He felt that the report was encouraging and gave grounds for reasonable optimism and seconded the motion for the adoption of the recommendations.

It was AGREED : to adopt the recommendations in paragraph 14.

IV. Ecumenical Press Service - Accounts for 1960

16. "The Finance Committee received the accounts of the Ecumenical Press Service for 1960 and, on the recommendation of a sub-committee which had examined the original signed auditors' report, agreed to recommend :

that the report of the auditors on the accounts of EPS be received and the accounts for the year ended December 31, 1960, be accepted by the WCC as one of the bodies sponsoring that service."

It was AGREED : to adopt the above recommendation.

V. CCIA Accounts for 1960

17. "The Finance Committee received a consolidated statement of the accounts of the London, New York and Geneva offices of CCIA for 1960 and, on the recommendation of a sub-committee which had examined the original signed auditors' reports, agreed to recommend :

that the reports of the auditors on the accounts of CCIA be received and the audited accounts for the year ended December 31, 1960 be accepted by the WCC as one of the two bodies sponsoring that commission."

It was AGREED : to adopt the above recommendation.

VI. Division of Inter Church Aid and Service to Refugees

a) "Service Programme Operations — 1961

18. Expenditure on the total operations under the Service Programme for the first 9 months at \$762,369 was about \$67,000 below the level of three-quarters of the year's budget, namely, \$829,500. Expenditure over the full year will come closer to budget than is suggested by the figures for the first 9 months, but there is no reason to fear that total expenses will exceed the budget level for 1961. Indications of income suggest that there is a good probability that the budget totalling \$1,106,000 will be fully raised and that it will be possible to close the 1961 accounts for the Service Programme without deficit.

(b) Service to Refugees Operations — 1961

19. The operations of the Service to Refugees represent the largest single item within the Service Programme and resulted in net expenditure during the first 9 months of 1961 totalling \$390,986 or nearly \$3,000 less than the budget level of \$393,750. The monthly figures for the net expenditure of the Service to Refugees have run very close to budget level this year and the expected development of the programme for the remainder of the year suggests that this will be the case throughout the year. Thus, it appears highly probable that the full year's accounts will show net expenditure to be covered from the Service Programme very close to the budgetary provision.

(c) *Travel Loan Funds*

20. The position of the Revolving Fund (TLF) improved by about \$300,000 during 1960 and showed a balance in hand at the end of 1960 of \$536,609. A small further improvement in the balance is forecast during 1961.

21. The position of the WCC Travel Loan Fund improved by a little over \$50,000 during 1960 and showed a balance in hand at the end of 1960 of a little over \$15,000. The position of this fund is expected to improve by about another \$35,000 during 1961.

(d) *Service Programme — 1962*

22. The Administrative Committee of the Division has authorised a level for the 1962 Service Programme budget of \$1,200,000 and requests authorisation from the Central Committee in the usual form. This is a matter on which the new Central Committee should act and it is recommended :

that it be recommended to the new Central Committee that the Director of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees be authorised to seek to raise funds for the Service Programme for 1962 at a level of \$1,200,000.

23. In general, the financial position of the Division would appear sound and, particularly in the case of the travel loan funds, shows a great improvement over that in earlier years.”

The Central Committee received the report on the finances of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees and AGREED :

to adopt the recommendation in paragraph 22.

VII. Assembly Budget

24. “At its meeting in August 1960, the Central Committee approved a budget for the expenses of the Third Assembly totalling \$315,000 and empowered the Executive Committee to approve a higher level for the Assembly Budget if convinced of the need and if of the opinion that there was a reasonable prospect of income adequate to cover the higher level. At its meeting in February 1961 the Executive Committee concluded that income of \$325,000 could be regarded as reasonably assured and that there was need to raise the expenditure budget to that level.

25. It is not possible to present an accurate detailed forecast of the probable expenditure on the Third Assembly budget but it is thought highly probable that expenses can be kept within the limit of \$325,000. It is now virtually certain that income will reach the level of \$325,000, and may be slightly higher. There is thus every prospect that the accounts for the Third Assembly will be closed without deficit. Special thanks are due to those member churches which responded to the appeal for support for the Assembly Budget. It can also be reported that the sales of the Pre-Assembly booklet have virtually exhausted all stocks which were printed and that there will be a profit on the sales of the booklet which will represent a valuable contribution to the Assembly Budget.”

Dr. Blake added that the amount of the profit on sales of the pre-Assembly booklet might well be \$40,000 or even as much as \$50,000, though it was too early to provide dependable figures. The Central Committee took note of this report.

VIII. Investment Portfolios

(a) *“Investments against General Reserves*

26. The Finance Committee was informed that the portfolio has a book value of \$268,568 which corresponds to the balance on the General Reserve of the World Council of Churches, which at December 31, 1961 will amount to \$267,972.45. The market value of the portfolio at October 10, 1961 was \$303,844, or about \$35,000 or about 13.1 % above book value. In addition, there is an Investment Fluctuation Fund of \$10,000. The Finance Sub-Committee considered the position to be entirely satisfactory and, on the recommendation of the Investment Advisory Committee, suggests no change in the portfolio at this time.

27. The General Reserve of the Ecumenical Institute remains uninvested in view of the probability that it will be used in the near future. An appropriate part of the interest on the Revolving Portfolio will be credited as interest on the General Reserve of the Ecumenical Institute in respect of the amount uninvested.

(b) *Investments against Reserve for Expenses of the Third Assembly.*

28. Only one bond is still held under this portfolio and that bond falls due for redemption on February 15, 1962. It will be held until maturity.

(c) *Revolving Portfolio*

29. This portfolio, which is used to place on an interest-bearing basis liquid resources in excess of immediate needs, has been adjusted upward or downward during the period since the last meeting in accordance with the liquid position and with principles which have been established and reviewed for its administration. The Finance Sub-Committee was informed that at September 30, 1961 a total amount of about \$4,600,000 was invested ; about \$2,900,000 in US Bank Acceptances ; \$450,000 on deposit with Canadian banks in US Dollars ; \$100,000 in Californian Savings Bank accounts ; about \$700,000 in UK Treasury Bills ; and about \$470,000 on bank deposit in Switzerland."

The Central Committee received the above report.

IX. Bossey Properties

(a) *"Transformation of Petit Bossey*

30. The Finance Sub-Committee was informed that the transformation of the top floor of Petit Bossey has been completed to the full satisfaction of all concerned. Final expense figures are still not available but it is expected that the net cost chargeable to the General Reserve of the Ecumenical Institute will be about the authorised figure of Fr. 105,000 (about \$25,000)."

The Central Committee took note of this report.

(b) *"New Building — Library and Conference Room*

31. The Finance Sub-Committee was reminded that authority for the construction of the proposed new building was granted by the Central Committee at its meeting in 1959. At that time the Central Committee rejected a proposal by the Board of the Institute that the property of Petit Bossey should be sold to provide resources to cover the cost of the new building and the Central Committee had agreed that, if necessary, money should be borrowed in order to carry through the project. Progress has been slow for a number of reasons, including the decision to give priority to the transformation of the top floor of Petit Bossey.

32. The present position is that plans for the new building have been approved by the Executive Committee and all necessary arrangements have been made for construction work to be started in the Spring of 1962, if authority is confirmed. Special gifts have been secured totalling DM200,000 (\$50,000) and under previous authorisations, any unused balance in the General Reserve of the Institute may be used for this project. The balance in the General Reserve is likely to be about Fr. 40,000 (\$10,000), so that in total about \$60,000 are available. It is expected that the buildings will cost about Fr. 508,000 (about \$119,000) and furnishing and equipment will involve about Fr. 55,000 (about \$13,000), so that total costs would be about \$132,000.

33. Recalling the authorisations already given, the general recognition of the urgency of the need and recognising the progress made in the securing of special gifts, the Finance Sub-Committee agreed to recommend :

that authority be confirmed for contracts to be let and construction to be started on the new building at Bossey at the earliest possible date, on the understanding that the Director of the Ecumenical Institute, supported by the Board of the Ecumenical Institute and the General Secretariat, will accept responsibility for ensuring that maximum efforts are made to raise further special gifts adequate to cover the remaining costs of the project."

Dr. Blake reported that he had been informed by the Director of the Institute that there were reasonable prospects of a further gift towards the cost of this project. Dr. Schuh seconded the motion and it was AGREED :

that the recommendation in paragraph 33 be adopted.

14. Headquarters Properties

I. Headquarters Properties Fund

Bishop Sherrill reported that a detailed list of all gifts received or assured would be presented to the Assembly and would show that \$1,908,717 had been received and further gifts of \$420,486 could be regarded as assured. Campaigns in the Netherlands and the United Kingdom had not been completed and further gifts were expected. At this time disappointments should not be mentioned and it must be remembered that the degree of interest and efforts should not be valued in terms of the amounts ; some of the smallest gifts might well represent the greatest effort and sacrifice.

The news that about \$2,330,000 had been received or assured would represent a good report but it must be added that, as in so many parts of the world, costs have risen. The amount still needed to cover total cost might be as high as \$5-600,000. In June the Executive Committee had decided that building operations should be limited to what could be paid from assured resources. Money cannot be raised for a building which has already been erected and the World Council cannot afford to incur a heavy debt. Bishop Sherrill expressed the hope that during the Assembly assurance of further gifts might be forthcoming, so that it might be possible to announce that the full objective had been realized.

Bishop Sherrill concluded his report by asking that he and his committee might be discharged from further responsibility, with effect from the end of the Third Assembly.

Dr. Fry spoke in the name of all members of the Central Committee to express the admiration and gratitude of all for the inspiring leadership which Bishop Sherrill had given in the Headquarters Properties Fund campaign.

II. Progress of Building Operations

Mr. Northam reported that building plans had now been fully approved. The final problems concerning the chapel had been settled by the Executive Committee meeting in June 1961 and by an *ad hoc* group appointed at that meeting.

Excavation work started in June 1961 and the official ground-breaking ceremony took place during the Executive Committee meeting in that month. The cellars have been walled and roofed over for one wing of offices and two wings should be completed in raw structure by Spring 1962. Work on the centre block would be started in the late Spring or early Summer of 1962. The building should be completed by the Summer of 1963.

By decision of the Executive Committee, it had been decided to defer the commencement of work on the construction of the third wing of offices in view of the fact that assurance of funds sufficient to cover the total costs had not been secured. Contracts had been made for the construction of that wing on the understanding that they could either be confirmed or be cancelled without cost up to December 31, 1961. If they were cancelled and the building of the third wing was deferred until a later date, some increase in expense plus some increase due to rising costs would result.

In reply to Bishop Sherrill, Mr. Northam stated that present expectations as to the numbers of staff in the Summer of 1963 suggested that it might just be possible to accommodate them all in the 192 offices in the two wings of the new building, which should be completed by that date ; it might, however, be necessary to erect at the new site the wooden barracks at present in use at Malagnou in order to secure additional offices. There would in any case, be no room for further growth.

III. Cost Estimates

Mr. Northam reported that the estimated total cost of the new headquarters, including equipment, is Fr. 11,000,000 or about \$2,550,000. First experiences of actual costs suggest that it may be possible to keep within that total but it is thought wise to add a provision of Fr. 1,000,000 for unforeseen expenses and rising costs, wages, etc., i.e. to estimate a total cost of Fr. 12,000,000 or about \$2,785,000.

In addition, expenses totalling about \$192,500 were incurred on preliminary studies from 1948 to 1957, on the repayment of the mortgage on the Malagnou properties, on costs in connection with the exchange of the Malagnou properties against the property in Grand Saconnex, on fund raising expenses and on fees for the first architects and advisers. Thus, the total amount needed to cover the cost of the whole operation is estimated at about \$2,750,000 to \$2,950,000. The amount still to be raised is thus about \$4-600,000.

Some uncertainty regarding the final total costs is inevitable at the present very early stage of a large building operation, especially since costs and wages continue to rise.

The net resources of the Headquarters Properties Fund (all gifts received less any expenses incurred) are held in an investment portfolio, which is administered on the basis of advice from M. Gustave Hentsch, Treasurer of the International Committee for the Headquarters Properties Fund. A little over 75 % of the portfolio is invested in Swiss francs and a little less than 25 % in US banker's acceptances. The interest earned will be credited to the fund. Bishop Sherrill suggested that the interest should be regarded as an insurance factor against possible disappointments within the total of \$420,486 for gifts not yet received but regarded as reasonably assured.

Dr. Blake moved that Bishop Sherrill and his committee should be discharged from further responsibility for the Headquarters Properties Fund, with effect from the end of the Third Assembly. He recalled that from the constitution of the World Council in 1948 until the Central Committee meeting in Denmark in 1958 it had been found impossible to make any progress in providing an adequate headquarters. In 1958 the Central Committee had called on Bishop Sherrill to head a campaign and under his leadership remarkable results had been achieved in a relatively short period. He suggested that the report should be received and the matter reviewed again by the new Central Committee after the Assembly in the light of any new developments. The Central Committee approved Dr. Blake's motion with applause for the great service rendered by Bishop Sherrill.

Dr. George Buckner moved a resolution of thanks to the Chairman and to Mr. Northam and members of the Finance Committee for their work. This was carried with acclamation.

15. Proposal for Secretariat for Service Abroad

A paper was introduced by Bishop Newbigin (Appendix VI). It was AGREED to forward the paper to the Assembly Committees on Youth, the Division of World Mission and Evangelism and the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees, and that the Policy Reference Committee should be responsible for presenting the proposal to the Assembly.

16. The Basis

The report on the discussion that had taken place concerning the Basis was presented by Dr. Ernest Payne. He explained why the Basis was not being taken as an item of business in the early days of the Assembly. This was mainly because integration was taking place on the present Basis. Friends in the International Missionary Council had indicated their approval of the change. The matter would be referred to the Policy Reference Committee which would be responsible for its introduction to the Assembly. It was his opinion that there was no reason to anticipate controversy on the subject.

17. Report on Broadcasting Enquiry

Mr. Philippe Maury spoke about the implementation of the Central Committee's action at Rhodes on this subject. An account of the subsequent enquiry that had been conducted under the Chairmanship of the Rev. James Kennedy had been submitted to the Executive Committee in June. A shorter document had now been prepared which contained the main points of the enquiry together with comments of the Divisions and Departments of the World Council of Churches as well as the International Missionary Council. Discussion had also taken place in the Second World Conference on Christian Broadcasting as well as in other bodies engaged in this field. The Committee *agreed* to recognize with gratitude the work of Dr. Kennedy and *authorize* the presentation of the shorter document to the Assembly by way of the Committee report of the Information Department.

Mr. Parlin reported that more than 250 requests had been made for correspondents and representatives of various mass media for the Assembly. Fifty Indian accreditations had also been asked for. He said there would be nine internationally-known television camera-men at the Assembly and this represented the biggest television coverage of any event in the history of India. He requested that arrangements for accommodating the press, T.V. and radio representatives as would be agreeable to the Chairman, Dr. Visser 't Hooft and Bishop de Mel be provided.

Discussion took place subsequently concerning the arrangements for photography during the sessions of the Assembly.

It was AGREED : that these arrangements be in the hands of the Chairman of the Central Committee, Dr. Visser 't Hooft, Bishop de Mel, Mr. Parlin and Dr. Bilheimer. Any other matters which arose in this connection would be dealt with by the Business Committee.

18. Closing acts

The final meeting of this Central Committee was brought to a close by Dr. Fry. He first of all paid tribute to the work of the staff of the World Council. In reply to this Dr. Visser 't Hooft spoke on behalf of the staff and expressed appreciation of the loyalty of the Central Committee. He said that the staff enjoyed working with a live Central Committee and was grateful for the dialogue which took place between the staff and the Committee. He also expressed appreciation to the Presidents for all that they had done, especially at certain critical times. The staff was desirous of expressing its gratitude to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman whose services on all kinds of critical matters had meant so much. It was a great source of strength to the staff to know that they could have quick reference to the officers of the Committee in particularly difficult situations. Dr. Fry then referred appreciatively to those who had served the Central Committee but who would be retiring from that service at the Assembly. He referred especially with gratitude to the work of the Vice-Chairman. Dr. Payne expressed the gratitude of the Committee to the Chairman and acknowledged the incalculable debt which the whole Committee owed to Dr. Fry. He said the Committee not only desired to express its respect but its growing affection for him. Dr. Bersell expressed appreciation of the fellowship with the Central Committee on behalf of those who would be retiring.

19. Staffing

- (a) The appointment of Dr. Paul Minear, Professor of Biblical Theology at Yale and member of the United Church of Christ, to be Director of the Commission on Faith and Order was APPROVED.
- (b) The appointment of the Rev. Roderick French, Protestant Episcopal Church, to be Executive Secretary of the Youth Department was APPROVED,
- (c) The appointment of Mr. Ralph Young, United Church of Canada, to be Executive Secretary of the Department of the Laity, was APPROVED.
- (d) It was RESOLVED to invite Dr. Leslie E. Cooke, Congregational Union of England and Wales, to serve for a further period of five years to the 31st January, 1967, as Associate General Secretary, and as Director of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I

Attendance

Presidents : Bishop SANTE UBERTO BARBIERI
Bishop OTTO DIBELIUS
Archbishop IAKOVOS
Metropolitan JUHANON MAR THOMA
Bishop HENRY KNOX SHERRILL

Members :

Bishop J. A. DO AMARAL
Dr. ERIC BAKER
Dr. H. BERKHOF
Dr. P. O. BERSSELL
Dr. EUGENE C. BLAKE
Dr. KATHLEEN BLISS
Dr. GEORGE W. BUCKNER
Principal RUSSELL CHANDRAN
Bishop L. DE MEL
Professor H. C. W. D'ESPINE
Professor G. FLOROVSKY
Dr. FRANKLIN CLARK FRY
Professor J. L. HROMADKA
Archbishop GUNNAR HULTGREN
Dr. J. H. JACKSON
Dr. ENKICHI KAN
Dr. M. KOZAKI
Bishop JOH. LILJE
Dr. RALPH W. LLOYD
Bishop C. J. F. MAY
Dr. M. NIEMÖLLER

Dr. W. NIESEL
Bishop G. NOTH
Mr. CHARLES PARLIN
Mr. RAJAIAH D. PAUL
Dr. ERNEST A. PAYNE
Rev. Father KORAH PHILOS
President NATHAN M. PUSEY
Principal HAROLD ROBERTS
Dr. HENRY F. SCHUH
Archbishop of San Francisco
JOHN SHAHOVSKOY
Rev. ARVID STENSTRÖM
Mrs. LESLIE SWAIN
Professor W. S. TINDAL
Dr. EDWIN TULLER
Dr. R. VON THADDEN
Dr. JAMES E. WAGNER
Bishop A. K. WARREN
Rev. CH. WESTPHAL
Commissioner REG. WOODS
Dr. M. R. ZIGLER

Substitutes :

Bishop TIBOR BARTHA	for	Professor L. PAP
Bishop ZOLTAN KALDY	„	Bishop LAJOS VETÖ
Rev. JAMES W. KENNEDY	„	Bishop ANGUS DUN
Rev. E. E. LONG	„	The Very Rev. C. M. NICHOLSON
Rev. R. M. ROGERS	„	Mrs. F. O. BENNETT
Bishop K. STØYLEN	„	Bishop JOH. SMEMO
Pastor MAURICE SWEETING	„	Inspector P. T. POINCENOT

Representatives of member churches not otherwise represented

Rev. DAVID W. JENKS — Reformed Church in America

Consultants

Rt. Rev. EMILIANOS, Bishop of Meloa
Sir KENNETH GRUBB

Staff :

Rev. PAUL ABRECHT
Dr. ROSWELL P. BARNES
Dr. MADELEINE BAROT
Dr. ROBERT S. BILHEIMER
Dr. A. CARRILLO DE ALBORNOZ
Dr. LESLIE E. COOKE
Rev. ROD FRENCH
Dr. NORMAN GOODALL
Rev. VICTOR HAYWARD
Rev. FRANCIS H. HOUSE
Mr. WALTER S. KILPATRICK
Rev. DAISUKE KITAGAWA
Dr. H. J. MARGULL
Mr. PHILIPPE MAURY

Rev. RAYMOND MAXWELL
Dr. PAUL S. MINEAR
Bishop LESSLIE NEWBIGIN
Dr. O. FREDERICK NOLDE
Mr. FRANK NORTHAM
Dr. H. H. PUFFERT
Rev. HALLAM C. SHORROCK
Mr. B. CH. SJOLLEMA
Rev. JENS J. THOMSEN
Mr. THEO A. TSCHUY
Dr. W. A. VISSER 'T HOOFT
Dr. GLEN WILLIAMS
Dr. H. H. WOLF
Mr. RALPH C. YOUNG

APPENDIX II

**Applications for membership
received since the Central Committee
meeting in St. Andrews**

The churches are listed according to the chronological order of their applications. All have sent in the official letters in which they accept the Basis of the World Council.

1. The United Church of Central Africa in Rhodesia

Supported by : London Missionary Society
The Church of Scotland Foreign Mission Committee

Basic statistics : In 1958 16,209 members ("to which we would add at least an equal number of adherents including catechumens")

2. Iglesia Pentecostal de Chile

Basic statistics : Membership 10,000 ; 34 ordained pastors, 16 lay pastors, 50 churches and more than 3000 places of worship.

3. Moravian Church in the Western Cape Province

Supported by : Evangelische Brüder-Unität (Moravian Church, Germany) which started mission in 1737.

Basic statistics : 30,000 members in 23 parishes.

4. Eglise Evangélique en Nouvelle-Calédonie et aux îles Loyauté

Supported by : Société des Missions de Paris

Basic statistics : 3,500 communicant members ; inclusive membership : 15,600 ; 81 parishes, 74 pastors, 5 missionary stations with 9 missionaries.

5. Union des Eglises Baptistes du Cameroun

Supported by : Baptist World Alliance and Société des Missions de Paris.

Basic statistics : 15,000 communicants, about 200 churches and annexes, 33 pastors and 165 catechists and evangelists.

6. The Orthodox Church of Russia

Basic statistics : 20,000 parishes (inside the USSR). 40 monasteries, 73 archpriests, 30,000 priests.

7. United Presbyterian Church of Pakistan

Supported by : United Presbyterian Church in the USA
World Presbyterian Alliance

Basic statistics : 51,796 communicant members, total community : more than 125,000, in 133 congregations, 147 ordained ministers.

8. The Church of the Province of Uganda and Ruanda-Urundi

Supported by : The Church of England

Basic statistics : Total church membership is about 1-1/2 million ; about 350 clergy, over 300 of whom are African.

9. Presbyterian Church in the Cameroons

Supported by : World Presbyterian Alliance

Basic statistics : 36,778 communicants, total membership 72, 618 ; 634 congregations with 56 ministers, 51 evangelists and 418 catechists.

10. The Presbyterian Church in Trinidad

Supported by : World Presbyterian Alliance, Presbyterian Church in Canada

Basic statistics : 5,500 communicants, total membership more than 25,000 ; 73 primary schools and 5 secondary schools. 31 pastoral charges served by national ministers or catechists.

11. Suomi Synod - The Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Supported by : Lutheran World Federation

Basic statistics : 24,378 confirmed, 35,589 baptized
104 pastors, 153 churches.

12. Mision Iglesia Pentecostal (Chile)

Basic statistics : Total membership well over 10,000 ; 12 churches with pastors and 3 with lay leaders.

In Argentine 2 churches with pastors and 2 with lay leaders and in Uruguay one church with 3 missionaries from Chile.

13. Bulgarian Orthodox Church

Basic statistics : On Dec. 31, 1946 total membership : 5,967,992.

On Aug. 1, 1961 : 1910 active priests and about 290 retired priests, some of whom administer parishes ; 11 metropolitans and 8 bishops.

14. Eglise Evangélique du Gabon

Supported by : Société des Missions de Paris

Basic statistics : Total membership 20,000 and 14 pastors.

15. The Bantu Congregational Church

Supported by : International Congregational Council and United Church Board for World Ministries.

Basic statistics : Total membership of over 12,000 ; 43 ordained ministers, 6 evangelists.

16. The Presbyterian Church of Nigeria

Supported by : World Presbyterian Alliance and Foreign Missions Committee of the Church of Scotland

Basic statistics : 15,292 communicant members, 29 ordained ministers and 13 ordained assistant ministers, 46 congregations.

17. Roumanian Orthodox Church

Basic statistics : Over 13 million members in Roumania ; about 9,500 priests and deacons with 9,200 parishes.

18. Evangelical Church of North Western Tanganyika

Supported by : Lutheran World Federation and Church of Sweden Missions Board

Basic statistics : 52,933 baptized members, 16,544 communicants, 149 congregations and 26 preaching places, 21 pastors and 185 other paid church workers.

19. Eglise Evangélique Manianga Matadi (Congo)

Supported by : The Mission Covenant Church of Sweden

Basic statistics : Total membership : 28,099
12 pastors, 635 church workers in all

20. Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides

Supported by : World Presbyterian Alliance, Presbyterian Church of Australia, Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

Basic statistics : 7,584 communicants, total membership 12,000
40 parishes, 24 active pastors, 245 preaching places and 289 ruling elders.

21. Usambara-Digo Lutheran Church (Tanganyika)

Supported by : Lutheran World Federation

Basic statistics : Total membership 32,150 ; 40 pastors, 26 congregations with pastors and 110 additional preaching places.

22. Orthodox Church of Poland

Basic statistics : 400,000 ; 207 priests, 4 bishops

23. The Samoan Church (LMS)

Supported by : London Missionary Society

Basic statistics : Total membership 67,000 ; 19,000 communicants.

APPENDIX III

Concerning the amendability of amendments

On Sunday afternoon, November 19, the Assembly will have before it a series of amendments to the Constitution which are necessary in order to effect the integration with the IMC. The question may arise as to the possibility of amending these amendments. Does the Central Committee agree that the following may constitute a ruling by the Chairman of the Business Session (Archbishop Iakovos) on Sunday afternoon concerning the amendability of amendments :

“The double proviso in Article VIII of the Constitution of the World Council of Churches to the effect that it (the Constitution) may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Assembly

‘provided that the proposed amendment shall have been reviewed by the Central Committee, and notice of it sent to the constituent churches not less than six months before the meeting of the Assembly’”

implies and requires that such proposed amendment must be presented to and acted upon by an Assembly in exactly the form and wording in which it was approved for submission by the Central Committee and circulated to the churches for their consideration. Any modification of it, whether by addition, subtraction or substitution of words would operate to create a new proposal and so, in obedience to the constitution and in fairness to the member churches, would necessitate repetition of the procedure required by Article VIII and consequent postponement of action until the succeeding Assembly.”

APPENDIX IV

Resolutions

Rule No. 11 of the Rules of Debate and Procedure in Business Sessions reads as follows :

“If any member desires to propose a *motion not on the agenda*, he shall be permitted to have his motion read. A vote shall be immediately taken as to whether or not his motion shall be included in the agenda.”

For the more logical ordering and better timing of the business of the Assembly, and in order to facilitate the collation of similar resolutions, delegates are urged to give notice to the Business Committee of any resolution they desire to have brought to the Assembly.

Ordinarily the presiding officer will not allow the reading of a resolution until it has been examined by the Business Committee, but this will not prevent a delegate from having his resolution read at an appropriate time later.

APPENDIX V

MIGRATION CONFERENCE

Leysin, Switzerland, June 11-16, 1961

Recommendations to the Central Committee The World Council of Churches

(As agreed by the Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches on June 22nd, 1961 for transmission to the Central Committee at New Dehli, November 1961

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1. That there should be *further consultation* with representatives of the world confessional bodies on the points raised at the Migration Conference on “confessional and cultural ties” in order to clarify and develop procedures in the reception of immigrants into the church life of their new countries.

2. That regular *coordinaton* should be provided for the exchange of information, views and methods, and clearance of specific matters of concern amongst churches involved in assistance to migrants.
3. That *counselling service* be given to churches and councils which need practical assistance in making arrangements for migrants, such as pastoral welfare and reception services, contacts with churches in other countries and with intergovernmental or other agencies.
4. That the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees consider the possibility of *providing certain specific services to migrants* in any part of the world who for one reason or another are deprived of aid and are in special need. It is understood that these additional services would be undertaken without prejudice to the present service to refugees.
5. That the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees *provide facilities in its programme for projects* for the preparation of emigrants, or the reception of immigrants, put forward by churches or national councils which find it difficult to provide adequate service for this. Such projects might include assistance in sending pastors or priests from countries of emigration to countries of immigration.
6. That ways and means be found of communicating to national governments the conviction of the Migration Conference that, while the right to restrict migration is recognized, it would be a major contribution to international goodwill and well-being, as well as a modest advance in international justice, if some clear means could be devised so that at least a limited number of admissions would be assured each year from the various areas where emigration opportunities are a major need.
7. That increased attention be given to the fundamental causes of migration through the making available of increased resources, e.g. to the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, commensurate as far as possible with the increases of service functions here envisaged.
8. This Conference in accord with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights acknowledges the right of every man to return to his native country. Since the Conference lacked time for an adequate discussion of this problem, it recommends that the Central Committee request the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs to study it in all its implications with a view to making recommendations to the Central Committee.

APPENDIX VI

Proposal for a Secretariat for Service Abroad

I. Introduction

The proposal for a Secretariat for Service Abroad arises out of a discussion in which the WCC and the IMC have been involved since the Willingen Meeting of IMC (1952) and the WCC Central Committee Meeting, Davos (1955), when Bishop George Bell first proposed that an appeal be made by the WCC to all young Christians asking for “costly service” in areas of rapid social change.

After careful exploration, it was decided in 1956 that the time was not opportune for a general appeal by the WCC, but the concern could not be forgotten because daily the WCC has been receiving requests from individuals, churches and national agencies, concerning opportunities for service abroad. The flow of such requests continues and is more widespread than ever. The Lausanne Youth Assembly (1960) effectively demonstrated the desire of many young people for such service.

Meanwhile, there has been a steady growth in the number of national Christian agencies seeking both to challenge younger people to service abroad and to prepare them for it. These agencies increasingly seek the assistance of the WCC. They ask for the services of

the WCC in making contact with churches and national ecumenical agencies in the countries of rapid social change. They ask also for the guidance of the WCC in their relations with governmental and intergovernmental programmes, some of which now appeal for "costly service."

Offers of service at present come mainly from the young, inexperienced and unqualified. On the other hand, agencies which recruit highly skilled people for service report that they are unable to find competent and experienced people in sufficient numbers. They would welcome assistance in finding suitable applicants for the large number of posts available.

These developments touch very closely the continuing concern of the IMC with the "non-professional" missionary. The Ghana Assembly of IMC (1957) noted that "much has still to be achieved in implementing Willingen's vision of recruiting laymen as non-professional missionaries" (Ghana Minutes, p. 58). In 1960, a staff member was appointed to carry on a study of the non-professional missionary, and through his work valuable assistance has been given in exploring the proper response which an integrated WCC should make to the requests for help from those in the churches concerned most with service abroad.

The present proposal arises directly out of the actions of the WCC Central Committee, St. Andrews, 1960, the IMC Meeting in USA, May 1961, the Administrative Committee of DICASR (October 1960, January and June 1961), and a consultation on the subject held in Geneva, January, 1961.

The proposed Secretariat would not be operational. It would not seek to act as a recruitment agency for service programmes, or as an employment agency for individuals. Its task would be limited to providing essential advisory, coordinating and information services which are urgently requested by national ecumenical agencies.

II. Divisional Programmes and the Present Proposal

The Divisions of the integrated WCC will have programmes of their own which will deal with people serving abroad. It is necessary to call attention to these programmes in order to distinguish them from the present proposal and to justify the setting up of a new Secretariat :

- a) DWME will have a continuing concern for missionaries and for the "non-professional" missionary. This latter concern derives from the mandate given at the Willingen Meeting of the IMC (1952) to explore the possibility of a *missionary witness* by men and women going across the world in business, industry and government, and to relate their witness to the work of the churches and missionary society.
- b) DICASR will have a continuing programme for Ecumenical Teams and Fraternal Workers. The teams bring together small groups of people, with differing skills, from various churches and countries, to share the life of a local community and to serve it according to its need and desire. Fraternal workers, by contrast with teams, are usually individual families or people, lay or ministerial, commended and supported by their churches for work in another church and country.
- c) In DEA, the Youth Department will continue to have responsibility for Work Camps, both short and long term, and for the Ecumenical Voluntary Service programme, in which young people give several months' service among refugees in Austria and France, receiving only board and lodging. The Department for the Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society will continue to have teams of workers engaged in promoting its concern, especially in Africa.

These programmes represent limited operations arising directly out of the special concerns of the Divisions and their departments. It would be harmful to the work of the Division and departments to attempt a coordination of these diverse concerns into one administrative unit. Accordingly, it is recommended that they be related to the proposed Secretariat by an interdepartmental Committee which would direct the work of the Secretariat.

The possibility of linking the proposed secretariat with the programmes of *one* of the Divisions has been studied. It is not recommended for the following reasons :

- a) The Secretariat must be directly accessible to all Divisional Directors who wish to make use of the Secretariat.
- b) Confusion must be avoided between the existing programmes which are either study projects or operational programmes, and the work of the Secretariat, which will offer only advisory, coordinating and information services.

- c) By locating the Secretariat within one of the Divisions, it is not possible to avoid the appointment of an additional member of staff, since the programmes of the Divisions occupy fully the energies of the present staff, and the work of the proposed Secretariat will occupy a member of staff full-time.

Accordingly, the recommendation is to set up a Secretariat for Service Abroad related to the General Secretariat.

III. The Functions of the Proposed Secretariat

It is recommended that a Secretariat for Service Abroad, related to the General Secretariat, be established and that the responsibilities of the Secretariat should be :

- a) to receive enquiries from churches, national ecumenical agencies and individual churches concerning available opportunities and available workers, and to provide information about the bodies in the various countries which are in a position to answer them.
- b) to help the churches and national ecumenical agencies to provide systematic channels and procedures for discovering and evaluating opportunities for service by non-nationals, and for locating and placing qualified persons in such posts, and to consult with NCCs, and other church related groups on ways in which the WCC may be of help to them.
- c) in consultation with CCIA, to make contact with governmental and intergovernmental programmes for service abroad ; to circulate among the churches and national ecumenical agencies information concerning such programmes, together with appropriate advice on Christian participation within them ; and at the request of the churches and national ecumenical agencies, to handle relationships with governmental and intergovernmental agencies concerning programmes for service abroad.
- d) to review the arrangements in various countries to call Christians to service abroad to prepare them for service, and to give them pastoral care while they are abroad and when they return to their own church and country ; to study the ecumenical impact and theological implication of developments in the field of service abroad ; and to advise the churches, national ecumenical agencies and WCC on these matters.

IV. The Committee

It is recommended that a Committee be set up consisting of members of staff of DWME, DICASR, DEA, CCIA and of related ecumenical and confessional bodies :

- a) to direct the work of the Secretariat
- b) to relate the various departmental service programmes to the Secretariat for Service Abroad ;
- c) to call together more widely representative groups for periodic consultations.

V. Budget

It is suggested that DWME and DICASR should seek the necessary budget to guarantee the Secretariat for the three years. The Administrative Committee of DICASR has indicated its general agreement with the proposal to establish the Secretariat and its willingness to seek its share of the budget.

